SUPPANDI HAS A REMEDY

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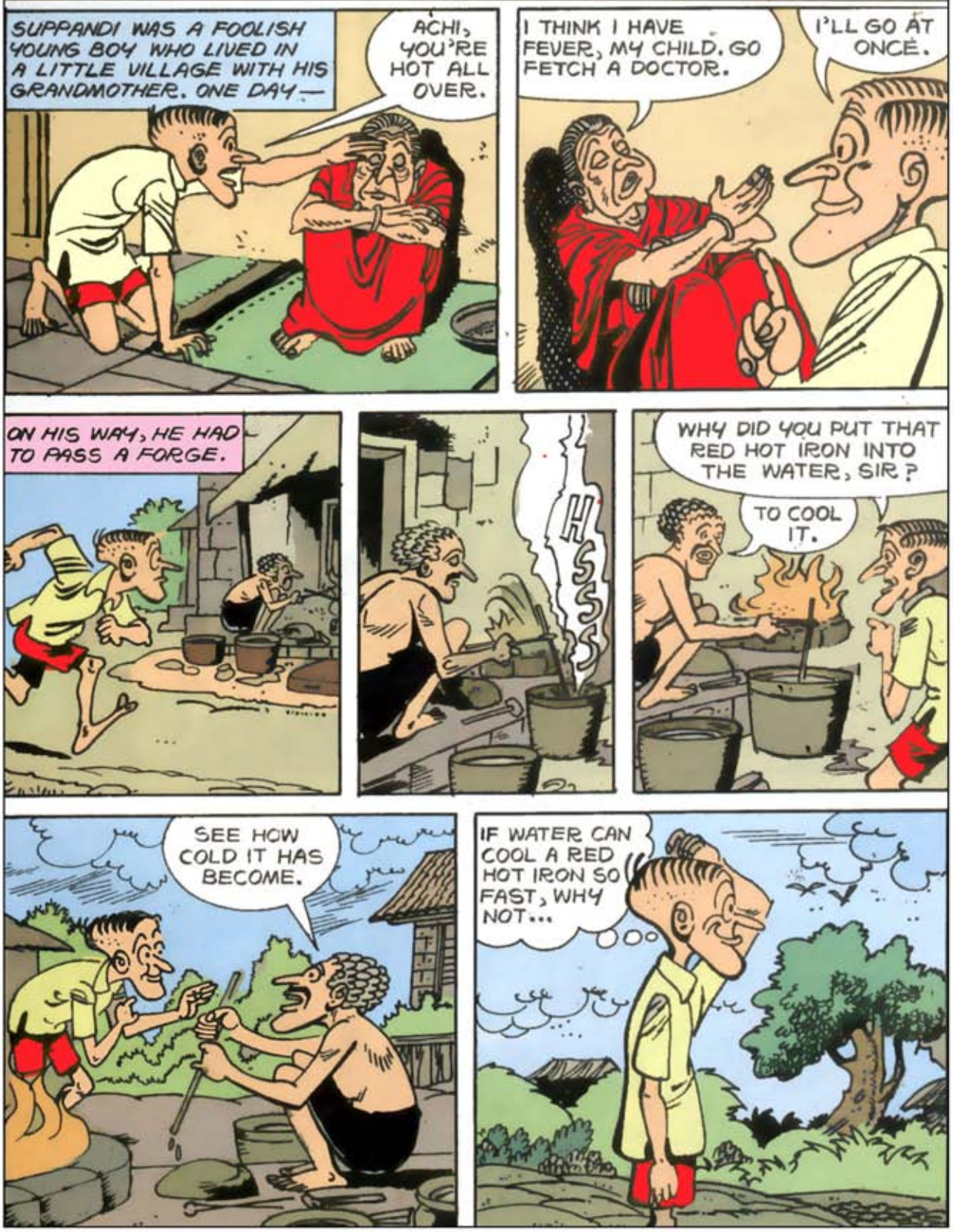
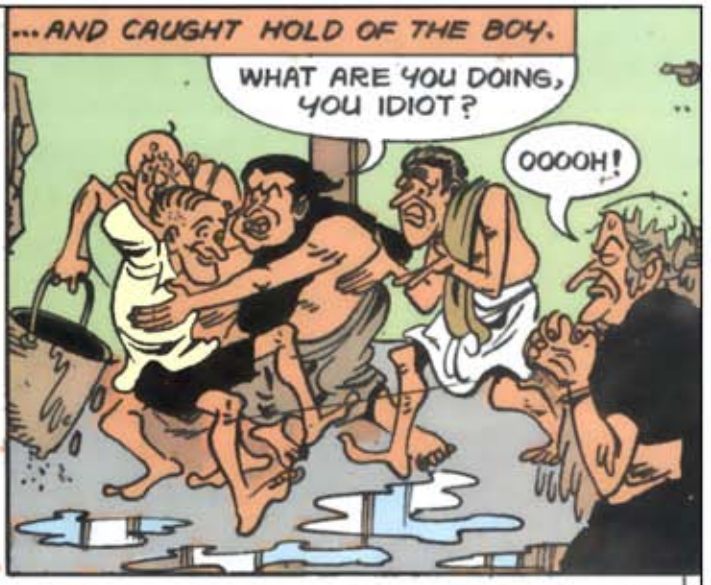
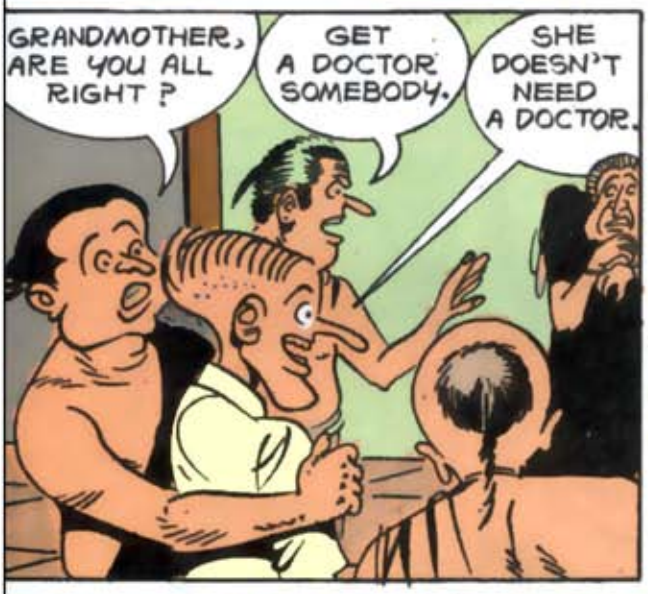


SUPPANDI RAN BACK HOME...
...DREW A BUCKET OF WATER FROM THE WELL...
...AND WENT IN.
HAVE YOU BROUGHT THE DOCTOR?
NO. WE DON'T NEED HIM.
THIS WILL CURE YOU.
YIEEEE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
LIE STILL, GRAND-MOTHER.
AHH!
HELP! HELP ME, SOMEBODY!

THE NEIGHBOURS HEARING HER SCREAM RUSHED IN...


...AND CAUGHT HOLD OF THE BOY.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU IDIOT?
OOOOH!


GRANDMOTHER, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
GET A DOCTOR SOMEBODY.
SHE DOESN'T NEED A DOCTOR.

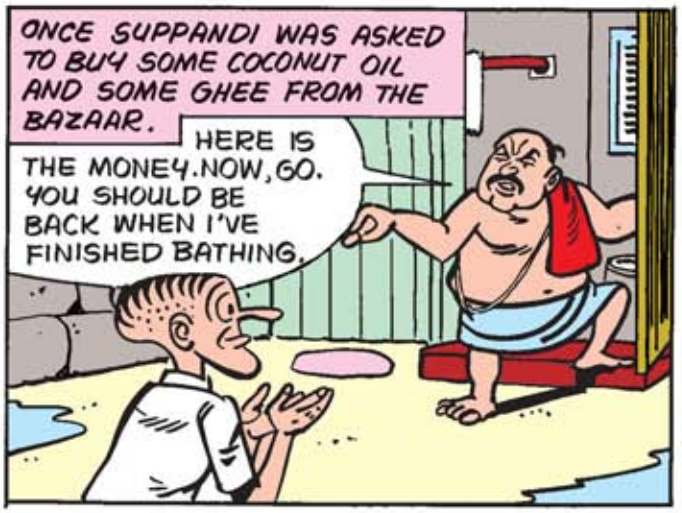
LET ME...
GIVE ME THAT BUCKET!

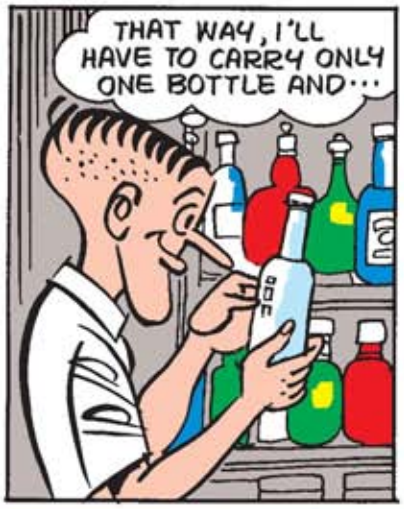
THE VILLAGERS BROUGHT A DOCTOR...

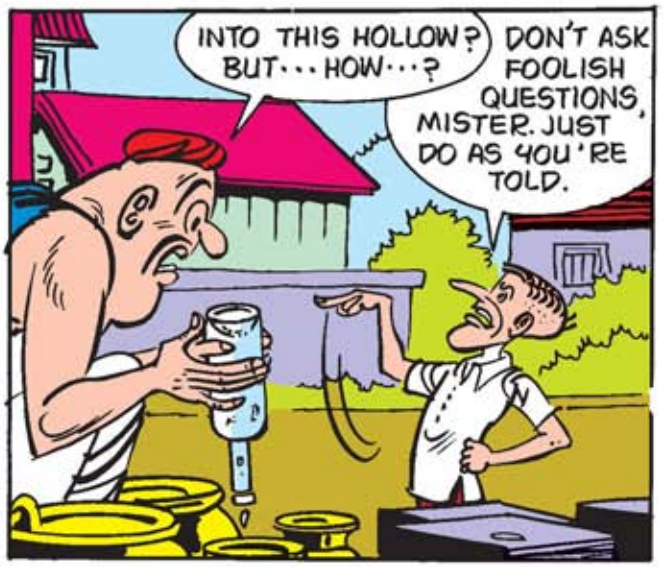
...AND THE OLD WOMAN RECOVERED IN A FEW DAYS.
IF YOU HAD LET ME THROW THAT COLD WATER ON YOU, GRAND-MOTHER...

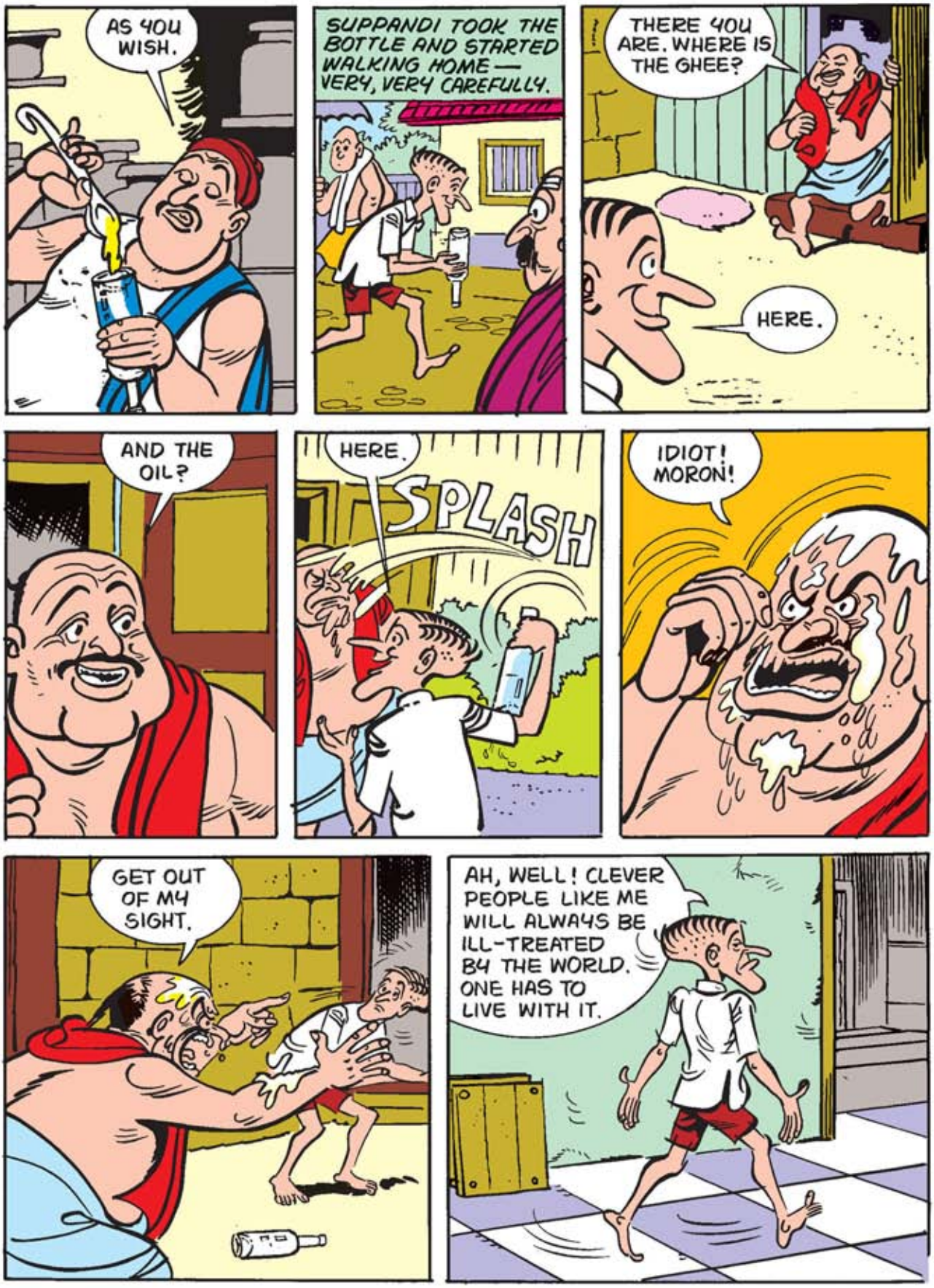
... YOUR FEVER WOULD HAVE GONE ON THE VERY FIRST DAY.

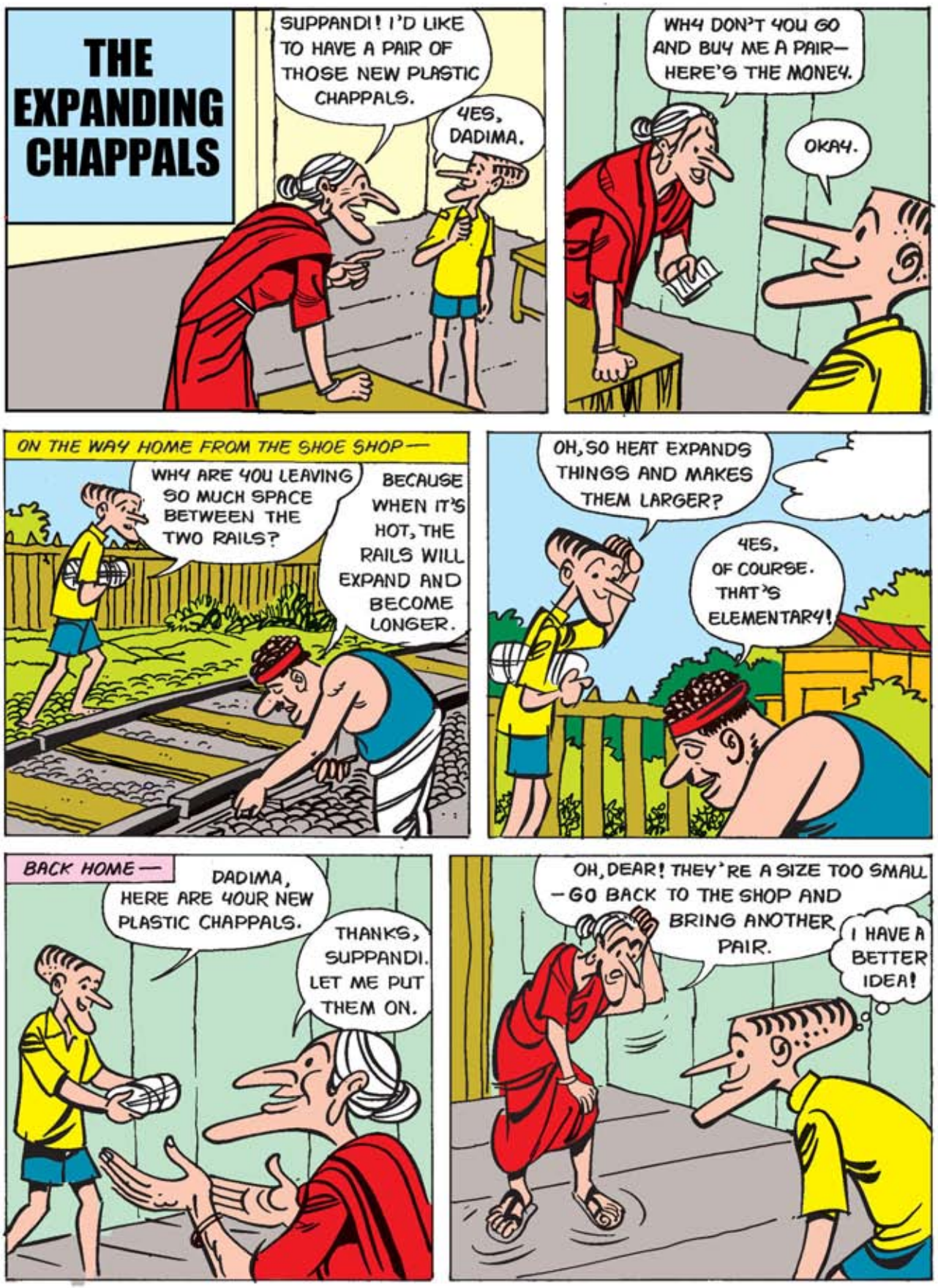
SUPPANDI GOES TO THE BAZAAR







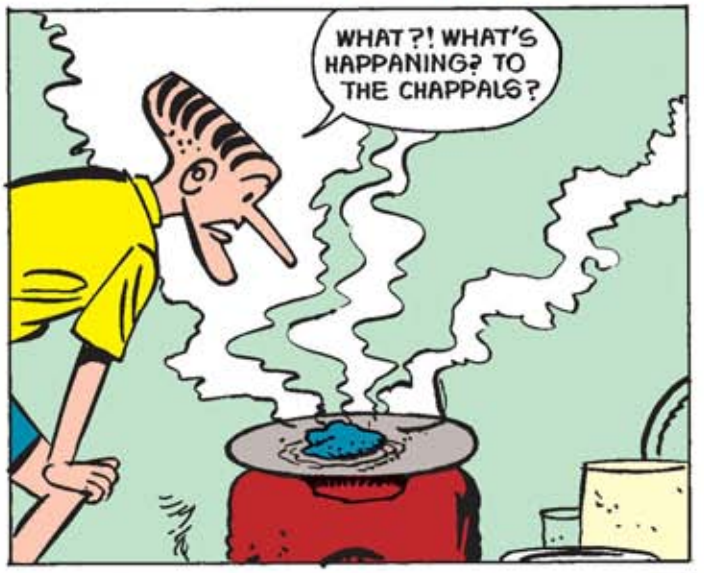

AS YOU WISH.
SUPPANDI TOOK THE BOTTLE AND STARTED WALKING HOME — VERY, VERY CAREFULLY.
THERE YOU ARE. WHERE IS THE GHEE?
HERE.
AND THE OIL?
HERE.
SPLASH
IDIOT! MORON!
GET OUT OF MY SIGHT.
AH, WELL! CLEVER PEOPLE LIKE ME WILL ALWAYS BE ILL-TREATED BY THE WORLD. ONE HAS TO LIVE WITH IT.


THE EXPANDING CHAPPALS
SUPPANDI! I'D LIKE TO HAVE A PAIR OF THOSE NEW PLASTIC CHAPPALS.
YES, DADIMA.
WHY DON'T YOU GO AND BUY ME A PAIR— HERE'S THE MONEY.
OKAY.
ON THE WAY HOME FROM THE SHOE SHOP—
WHY ARE YOU LEAVING SO MUCH SPACE BETWEEN THE TWO RAILS?
BECAUSE WHEN IT'S HOT, THE RAILS WILL EXPAND AND BECOME LONGER.
OH, SO HEAT EXPANDS THINGS AND MAKES THEM LARGER?
YES, OF COURSE. THAT'S ELEMENTARY!
BACK HOME—
DADIMA, HERE ARE YOUR NEW PLASTIC CHAPPALS.
THANKS, SUPPANDI. LET ME PUT THEM ON.
OH, DEAR! THEY'RE A SIZE TOO SMALL —GO BACK TO THE SHOP AND BRING ANOTHER PAIR.
I HAVE A BETTER IDEA!

I'LL ROAST THEM ON THIS 'TAVA'...THEY WILL BECOME BIGGER...

SSSST
SSSST

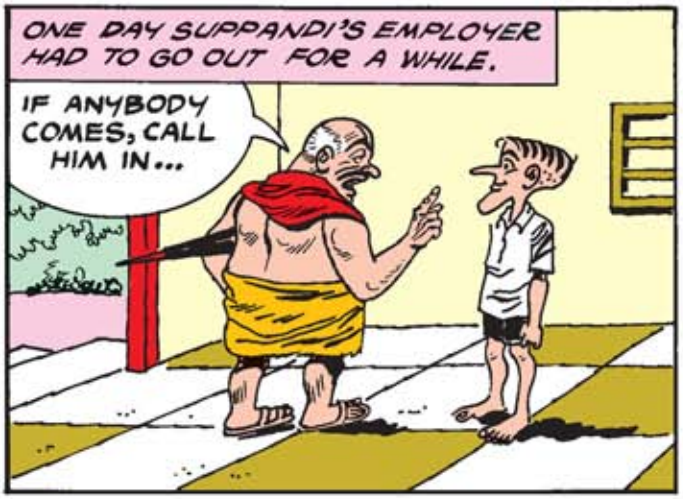
THEY MUST BE THE RIGHT SIZE BY NOW.

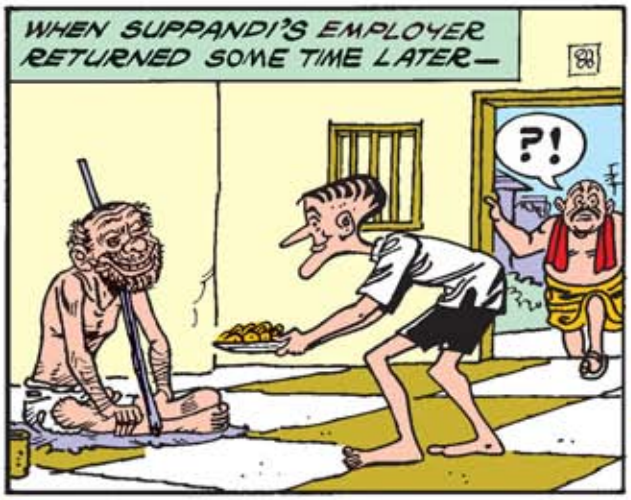

WHAT?! WHAT'S HAPPANING? TO THE CHAPPALS?

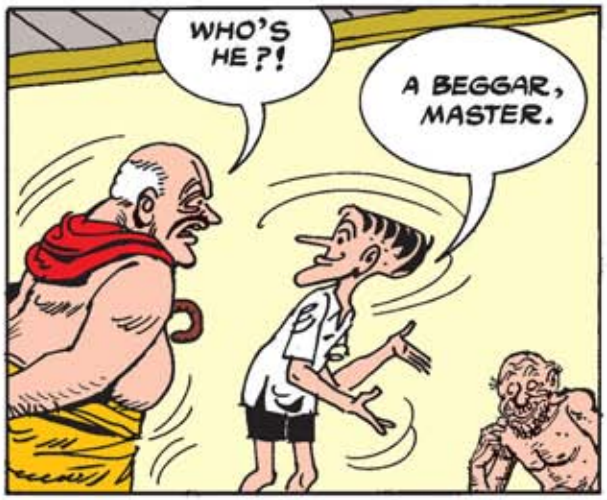
DADIMA, DADIMA! YOUR CHAPPALS ARE DISAPPEARED!
DISAPPEARING?

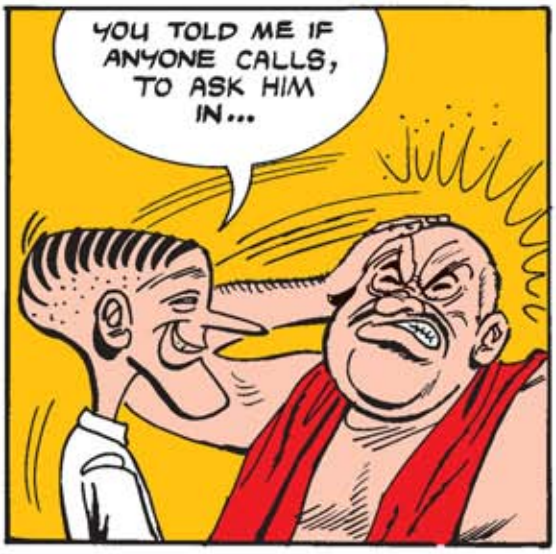
I WAS EXPANDING THEM ON THE 'TAVA'... AND...
OH, YOU FOOL!

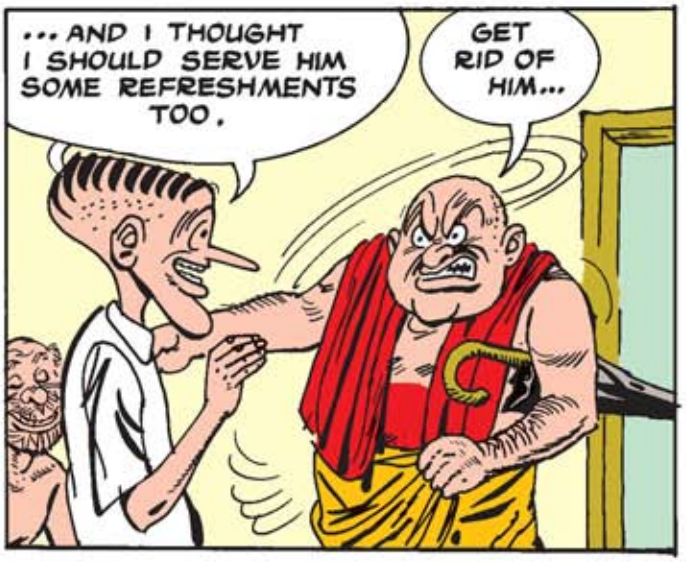
SUPPANDI GETS VISITORS



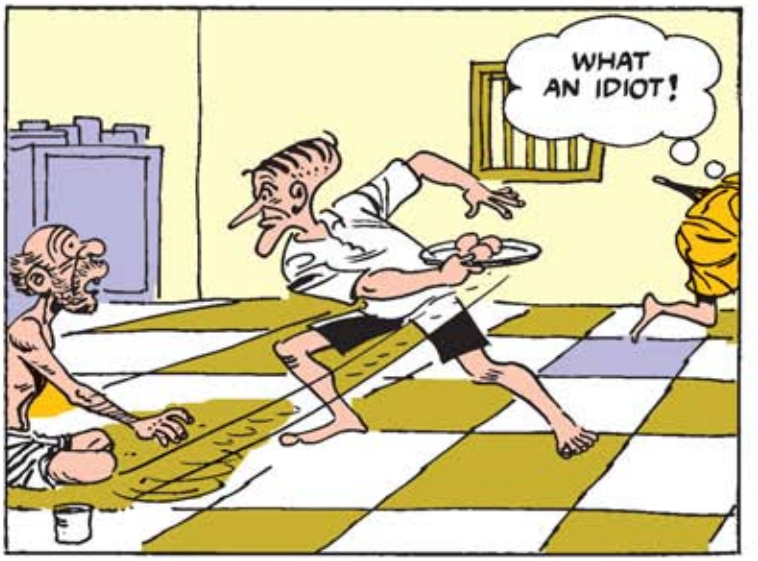




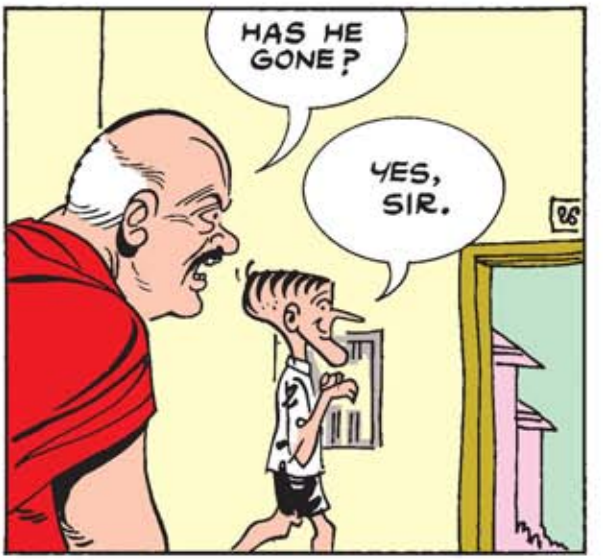


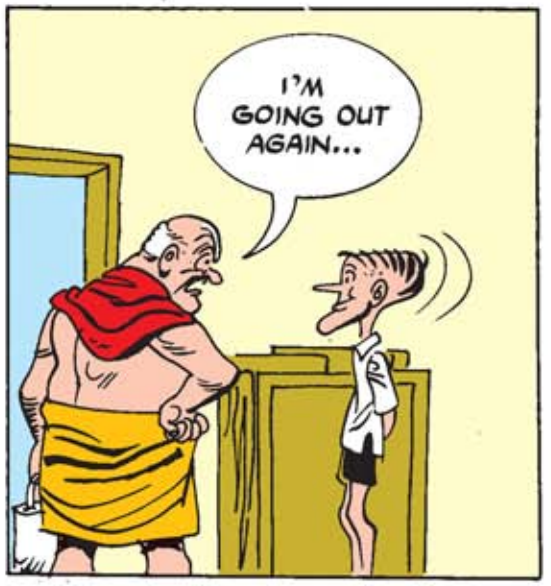


...AT ONCE!
YES, MASTER.

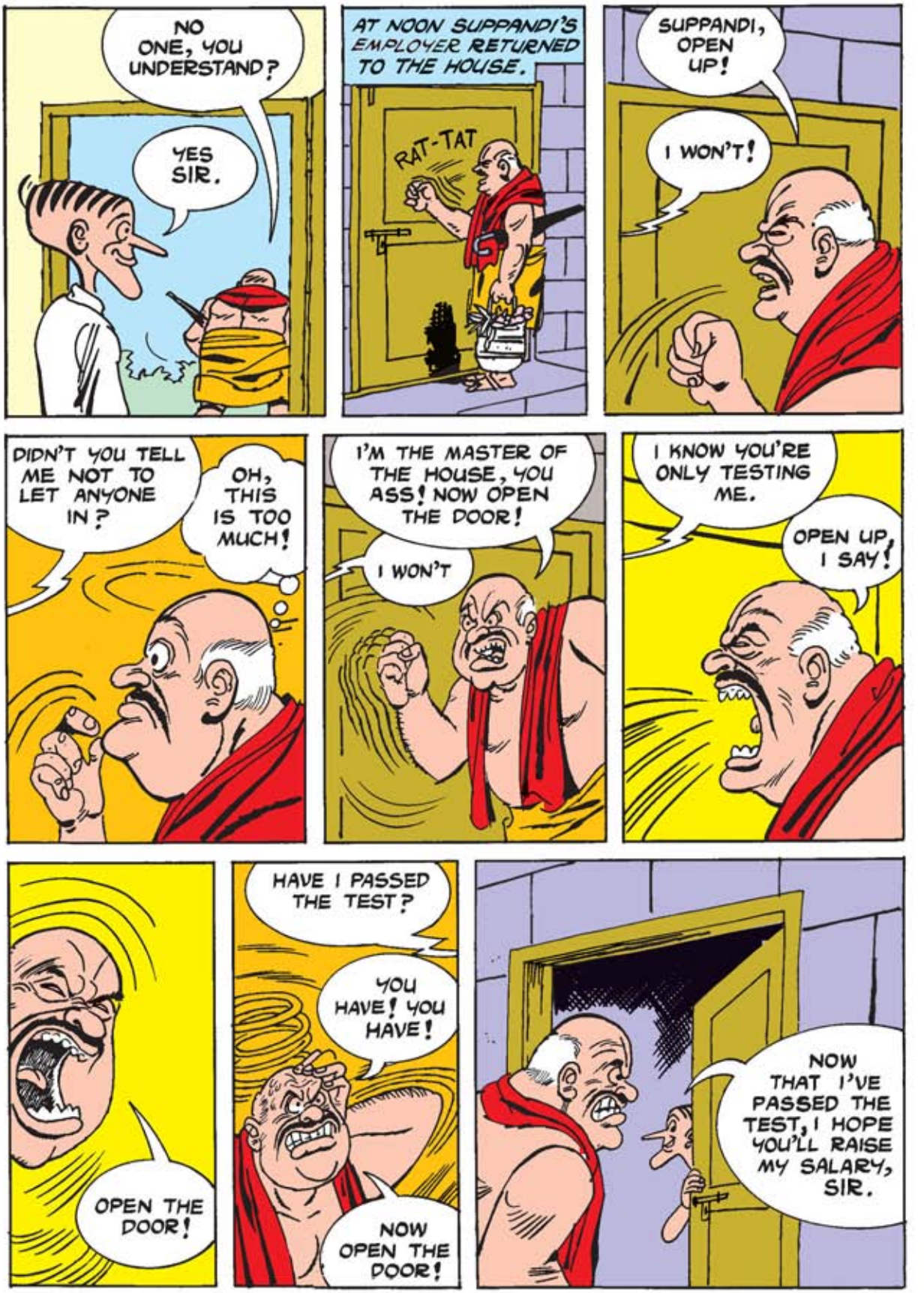

WHAT AN IDIOT!

I CAN'T TRUST HIM TO DO THE SIMPLEST TASK.


HAS HE GONE?
YES, SIR.


I'M GOING OUT AGAIN...

BUT THIS TIME, DON'T LET ANYONE IN!


NO ONE, YOU UNDERSTAND?
YES SIR.
AT NOON SUPPANDI'S EMPLOYER RETURNED TO THE HOUSE.
RAT-TAT
SUPPANDI, OPEN UP!
I WON'T!
DIDN'T YOU TELL ME NOT TO LET ANYONE IN?
OH, THIS IS TOO MUCH!
I'M THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE, YOU ASS! NOW OPEN THE DOOR!
I WON'T
I KNOW YOU'RE ONLY TESTING ME.
OPEN UP, I SAY!
OPEN THE DOOR!
HAVE I PASSED THE TEST?
YOU HAVE! YOU HAVE!
NOW OPEN THE DOOR!
NOW THAT I'VE PASSED THE TEST, I HOPE YOU'LL RAISE MY SALARY, SIR.

TO TAME THE FLAME
FIRE, FIRE!
THE KITCHEN IS ON FIRE, SIR.
OH!
SUPPANDI! COME ON, WE'LL OVERTURN THE VESSEL OF WATER AND PUT OUT THE FIRE. SIMPLE...
NO, SIR, WE MUSTN'T. IT'LL MAKE IT RAGE MORE FIERCELY...
...YOU SEE, THE WATER IN THAT VESSEL IS BOILING HOT!
?

TEA, COFFEE OR QUESTIONS?

BUT... BUT... I ASKED HIM SO MANY QUESTIONS. HOW COME HE ISN'T PLEASED?

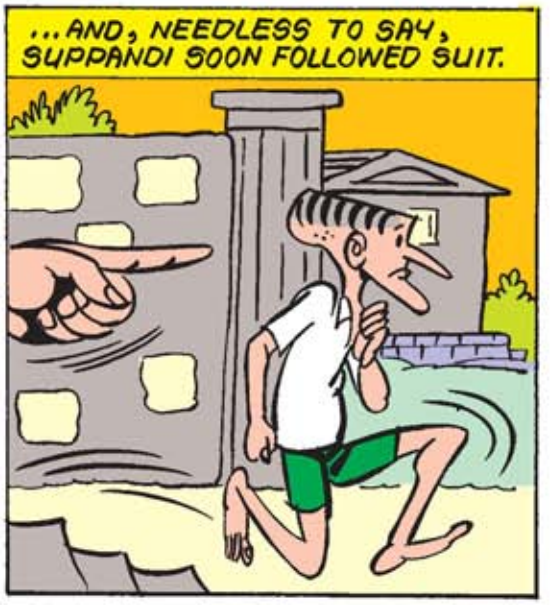
I KNOW WHAT—I DIDN'T ASK ENOUGH!

ER... SIR. YOU DIDN'T TELL ME HOW MUCH SUGAR...
THREE SPOONFULS!

ER... TEASPOONS OR TABLESPOONS?
YOU SILLY FOOL! ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?

I CANCEL MY ORDER FORTHWITH!

W... WHAT'S THE MATTER, SIR?
TELL ME, WHAT KIND OF RESTAURANT ARE YOU RUNNING? DO YOU SERVE FOOD OR JUST SERVE UP QUESTIONS?!
THE ANGRY MAN LEFT IN A HUFF...


...AND, NEEDLESS TO SAY, SUPPANDI SOON FOLLOWED SUIT.

INFLATION

SUPPANDI, TAKE THIS 50-RUPEE NOTE AND BRING 2 KILOS OF RICE FROM THE MARKET.
YES, SIR.

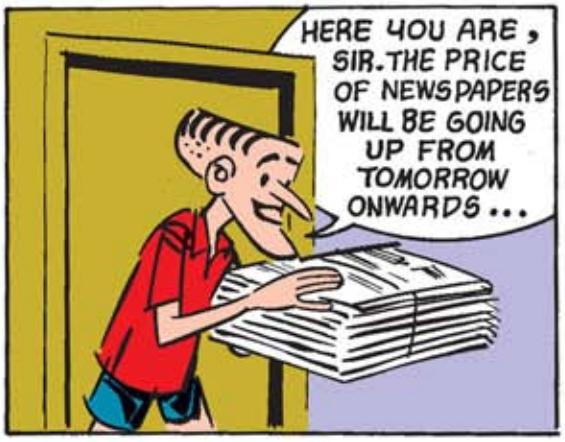
BE CAREFUL WITH THE MONEY.
YOU CAN RELY ON ME, SIR.

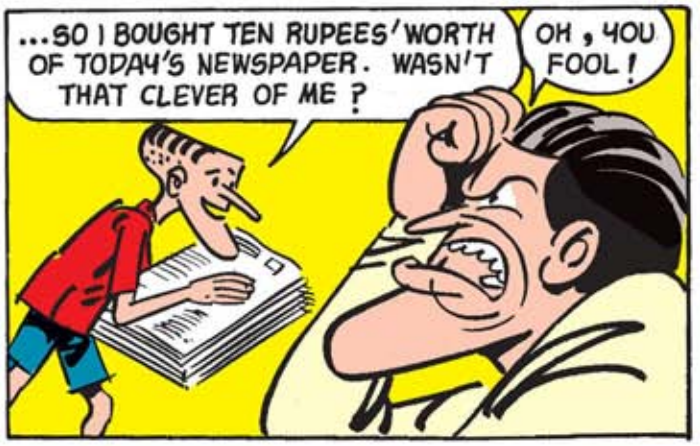
LATER—
HERE YOU ARE, SIR... PUFF... 2 KILOS OF RICE AND THE CHANGE... PUFF...

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW... RICE WILL COST MORE FROM TOMORROW ONWARDS.
YOU FOOL! YOU SHOULD HAVE BOUGHT MORE RICE WITH THE CHANGE! YOU'D HAVE SAVED ME SOME MONEY.

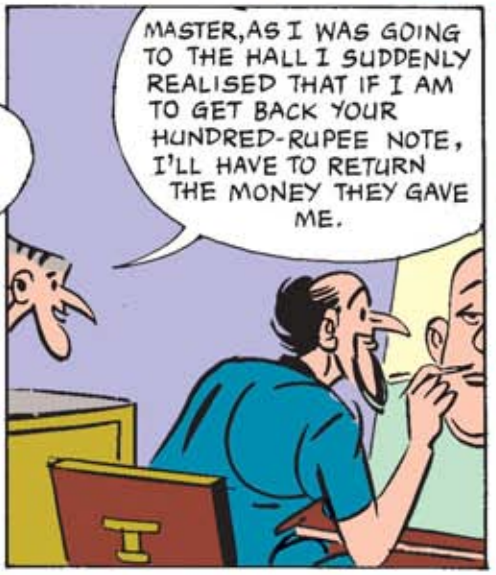
I MUST KEEP THAT IN MIND... HMMM...

SOME DAYS LATER—
SUPPANDI, HERE'S TEN RUPEES GO AND BUY A COPY OF TODAY'S NEWSPAPER.
AT ONCE, SIR.

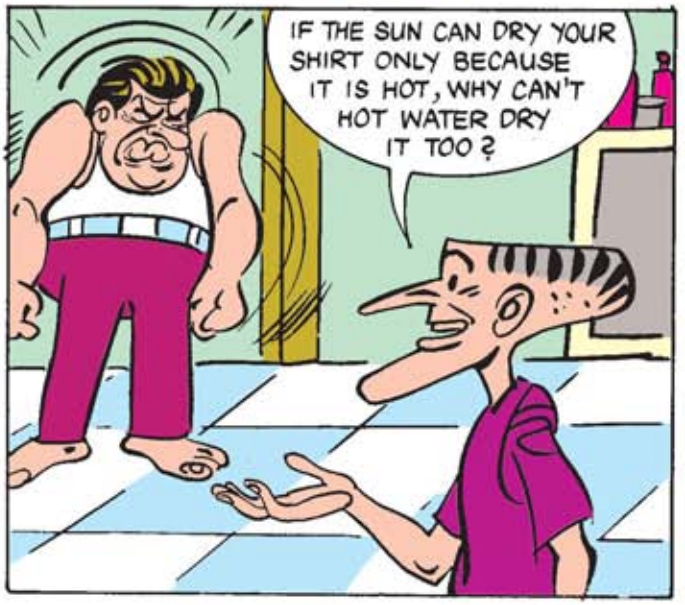

HERE YOU ARE, SIR. THE PRICE OF NEWSPAPERS WILL BE GOING UP FROM TOMORROW ONWARDS...


...SO I BOUGHT TEN RUPEES' WORTH OF TODAY'S NEWSPAPER. WASN'T THAT CLEVER OF ME?
OH, YOU FOOL!

GETTING A REFUND

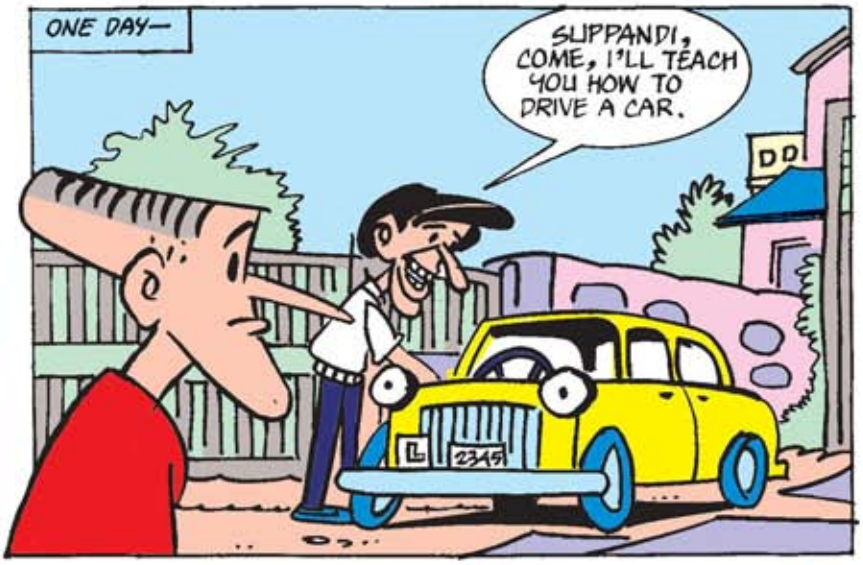


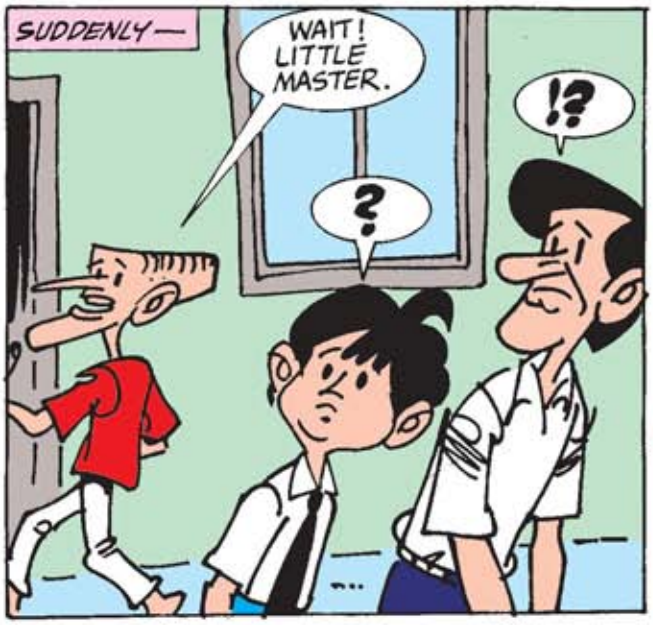
Drying a Shirt



SUPPANDI SAVES A SHIRT

BEGINNER'S COURSE





HOW CHEAP

SUPPANDI, ALWAYS BUY THINGS FROM A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN GET THEM CHEAPEST.
YES, MASTER.

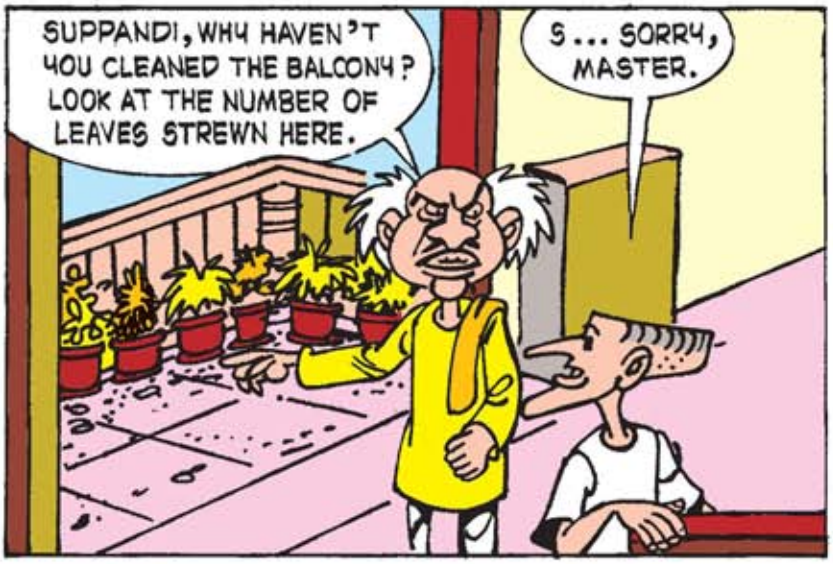
ONE DAY –
SUPPANDI, BUY SOME VEGETABLES.
YES, MASTER.

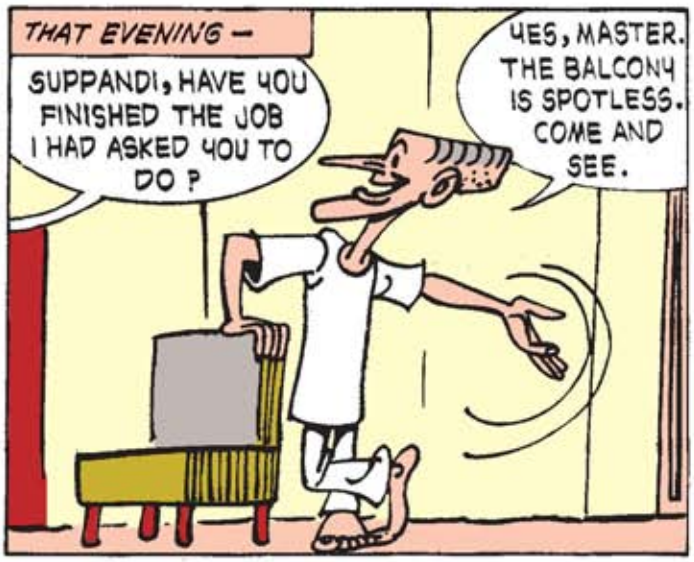
LATER –
SUPPANDI, WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?
I WENT TO THE MAIN MARKET, SIR, TO GET CHEAP VEGETABLES.

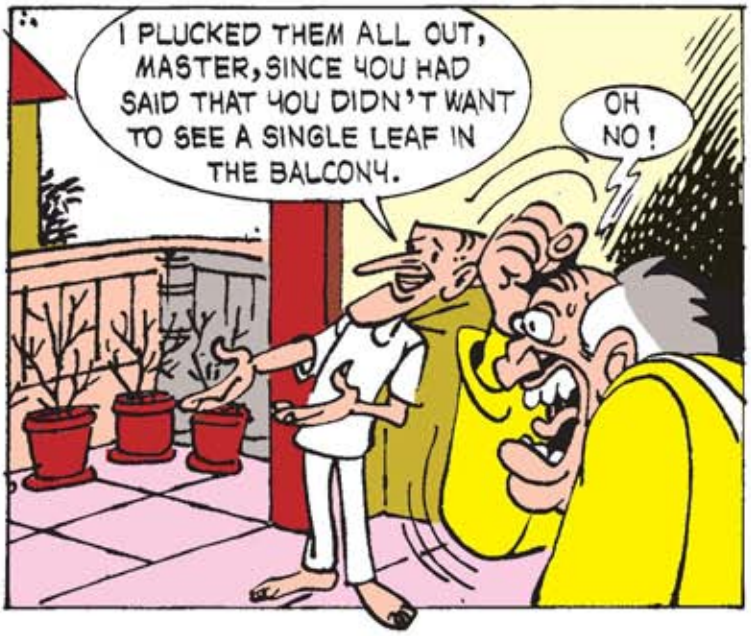
BUT THAT IS SUCH A LONG WAY TO WALK. YOU MUST BE SO TIRED.
I AM NOT, MASTER ...

... I TOOK A TAXI TO AND FROM THE MARKET.
AARGH

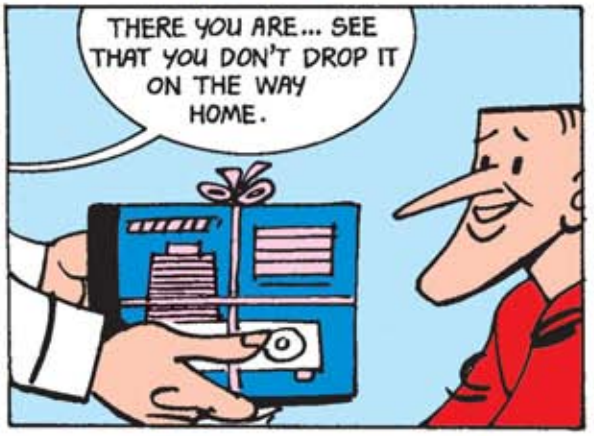
CLEANING THE BALCONY

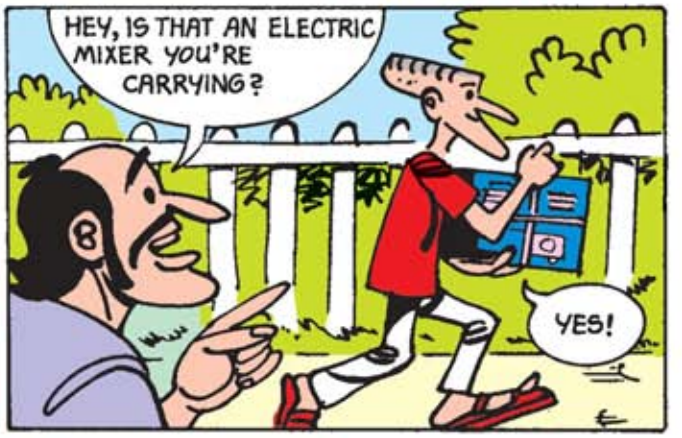


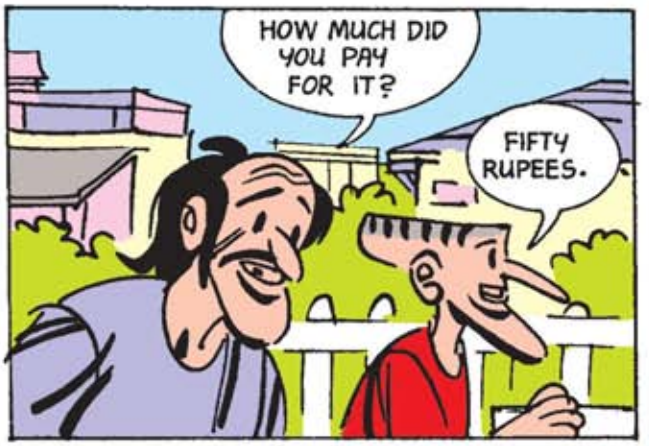




BUDDING TYCOON



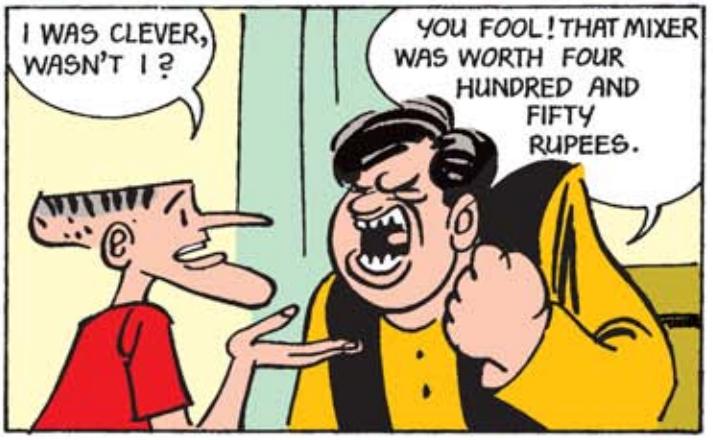


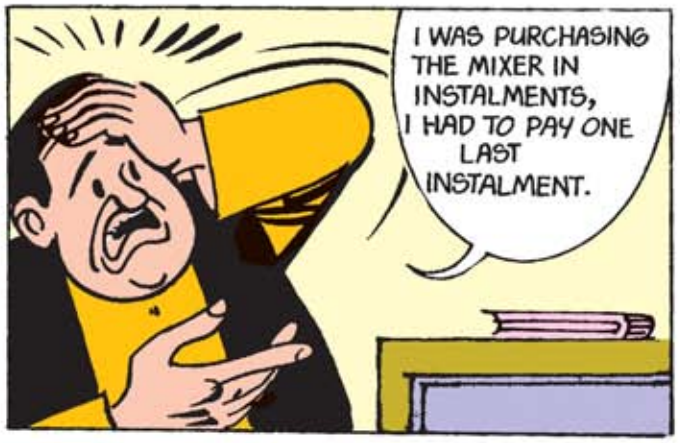


A PROFIT OF TWENTY-FIVE RUPEES. HEE, HEE! WHAT A SHREWD BUSINESSMAN I AM.
SOON I'LL BE A REAL TYCOON.

THERE YOU ARE! SUPPANDI. WHERE IS THE MIXER?
I SOLD IT MASTER, FOR SEVENTY-FIVE RUPEES. I MADE A NEAT PROFIT OF TWENTY-FIVE RUPEES.

WHAT?


I WAS CLEVER, WASN'T I?
YOU FOOL! THAT MIXER WAS WORTH FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY RUPEES.


I WAS PURCHASING THE MIXER IN INSTALMENTS, I HAD TO PAY ONE LAST INSTALMENT.

THAT'S WHY I GAVE YOU FIFTY RUPEES – TO COMPLETE THE PAYMENT. NOW YOU'VE GONE AND SOLD IT FOR SEVENTY-FIVE RUPEES
I.... I....

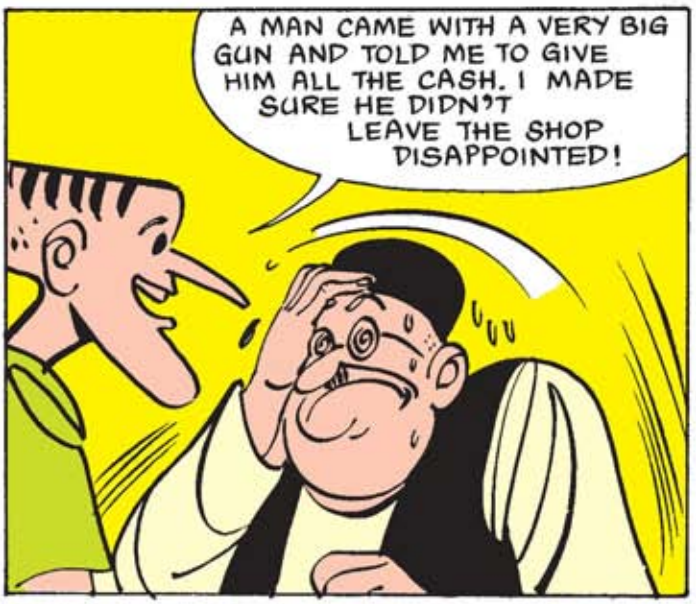
YOU'RE FIRED! GET OUT!

WHAT A PITY. NOW I'LL NEVER GET TO BECOME A TYCOON.

THE HALFWAY MARK

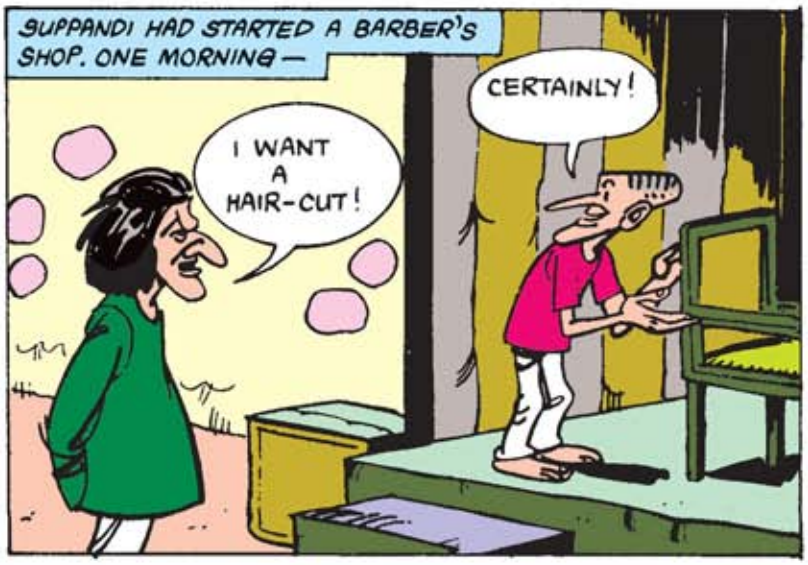
RED SIGNAL
SUPPANDI HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A LONG VACATION IN THE CITY.
SO HOW DID YOU FIND THE CITY?
VERY ORDERLY! WE HAVE NO SYSTEM HERE!
WELL... NOW PLEASE GO TO THE MARKET AND BRING RICE AND SUGAR.
YES, SIR!
ON THE WAY—
A BULL!
THACK
IN THE CITY EVERYTHING THAT RUNS STOPS AT THE RED SIGNAL. BUT HERE, THIS BULL... AS I SAID THERE IS NO SYSTEM HERE.

PLEASING THE CUSTOMER

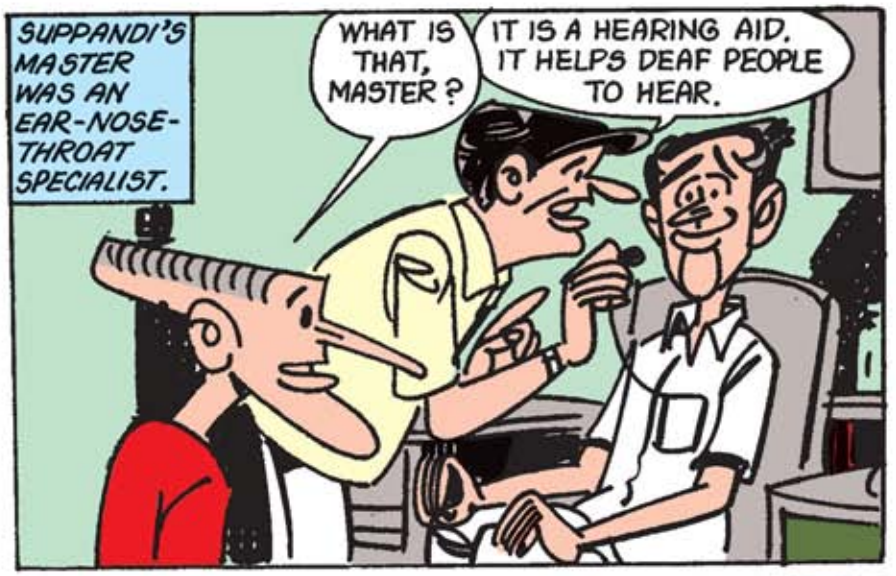


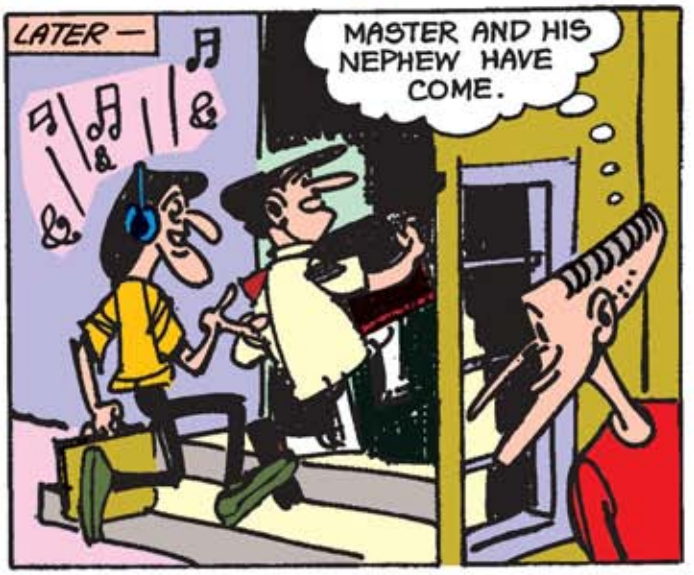
PAYING GUEST

SUPPANDI OPENS SHOP



HARD OF HEARING

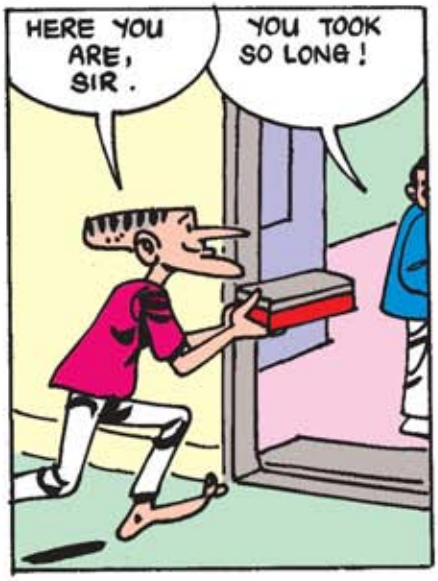




SIZE WISE

SUPPANDI'S MASTER HAD SENT HIM TO BUY A PAIR OF SHOES—
HE SAID TO BUY SIZE NO.6 BUT THESE SHOES ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN THAT SIZE... AH, I KNOW WHAT I'LL DO.

WRAP THEM UP.


HERE YOU ARE, SIR.
YOU TOOK SO LONG!

?

NO. 9?
9

NOW DO YOU SEE WHY THEY DON'T FIT ME, YOU FOOL!
BUT, SIR, YOU ARE HOLDING IT THE WRONG WAY!

HOLD IT THIS WAY AND TURN AROUND AND PUT IT ON AND IT'LL FIT YOU PERFECTLY!
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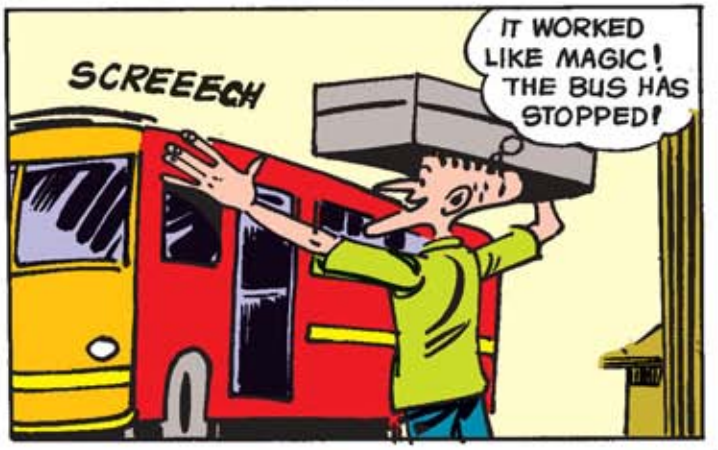
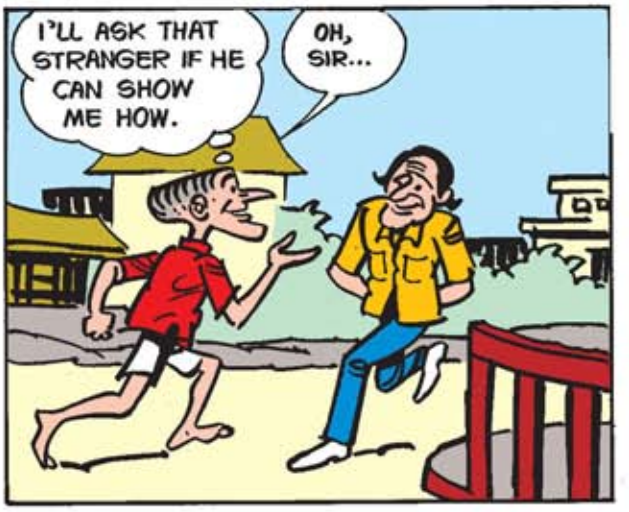
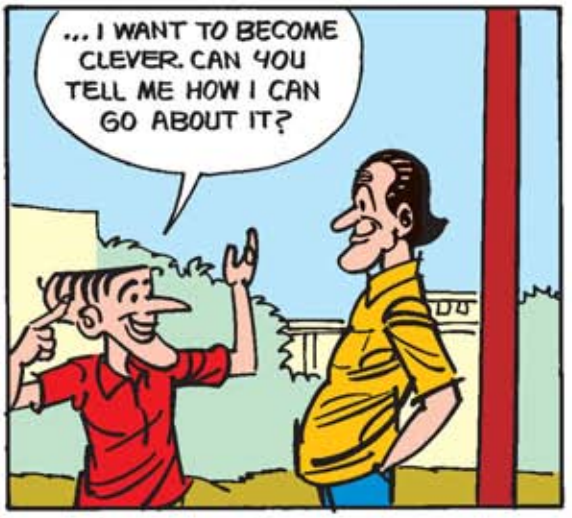
THE MAGIC HAND



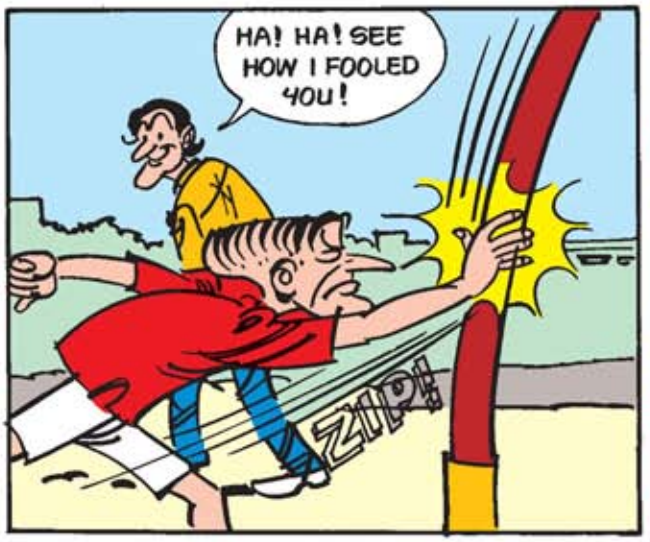
SLAPSTICK

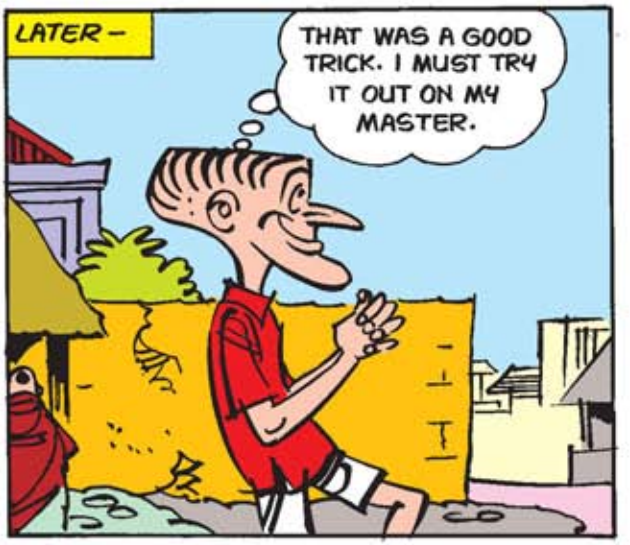
EVERYBODY THINKS I AM A FOOL. I WISH I COULD PROVE MYSELF TO BE CLEVER.

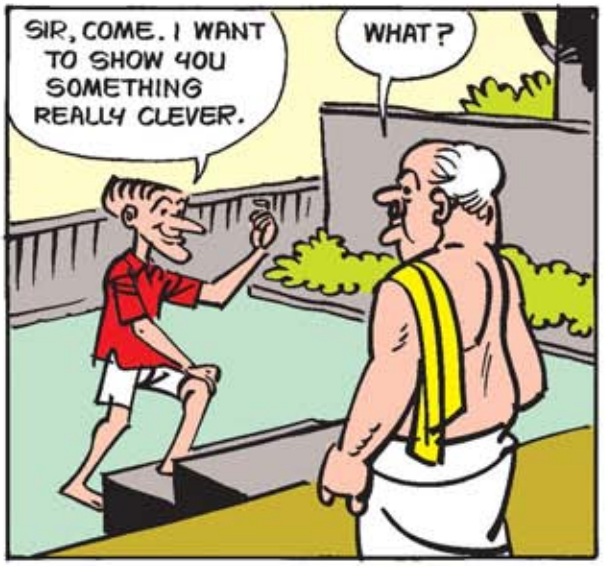

I'LL ASK THAT STRANGER IF HE CAN SHOW ME HOW.
OH, SIR...

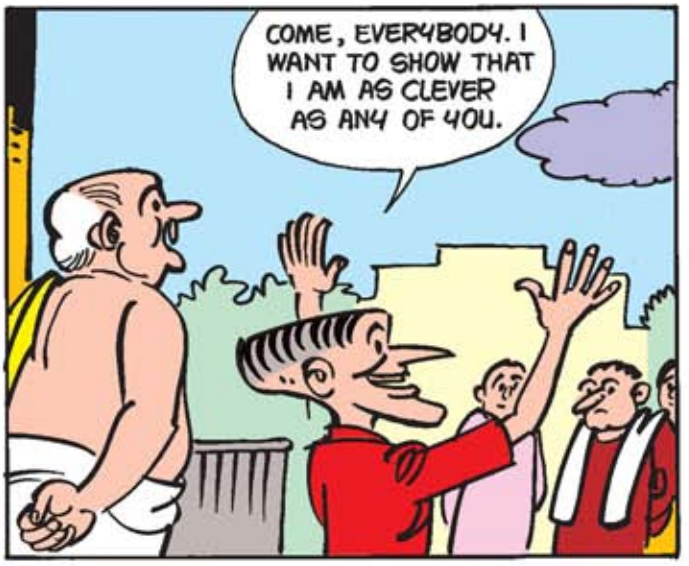

... I WANT TO BECOME CLEVER. CAN YOU TELL ME HOW I CAN GO ABOUT IT?

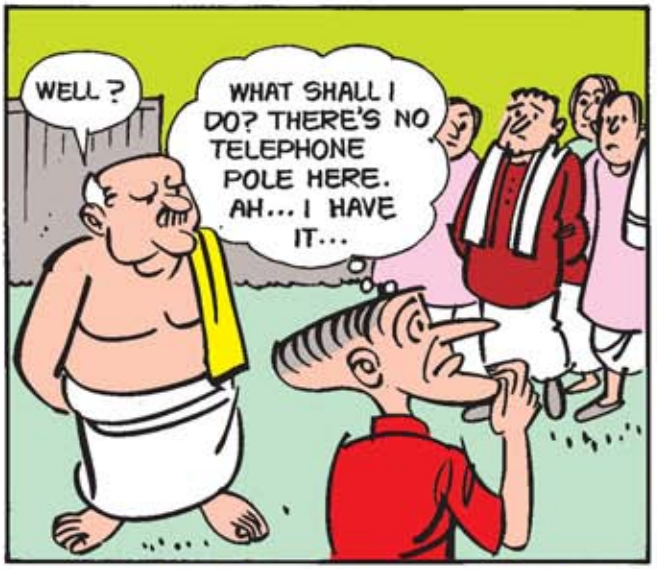
SEE IF YOU CAN HIT MY HAND.
ALL RIGHT, HERE GOES...

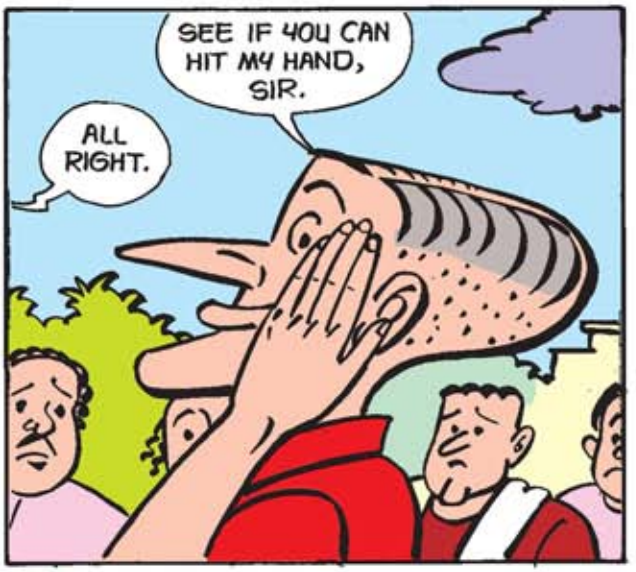

HA! HA! SEE HOW I FOOLED YOU!
ZIP!


LATER –
THAT WAS A GOOD TRICK. I MUST TRY IT OUT ON MY MASTER.

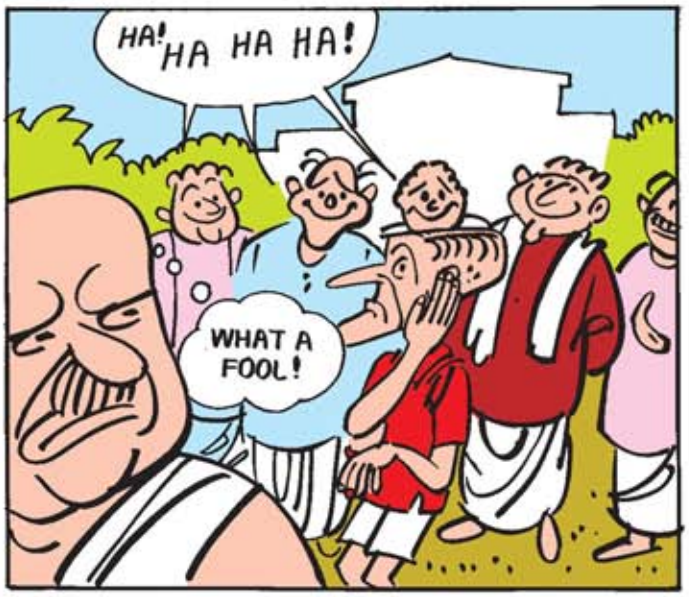

SIR, COME. I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING REALLY CLEVER.
WHAT?


COME, EVERYBODY. I WANT TO SHOW THAT I AM AS CLEVER AS ANY OF YOU.

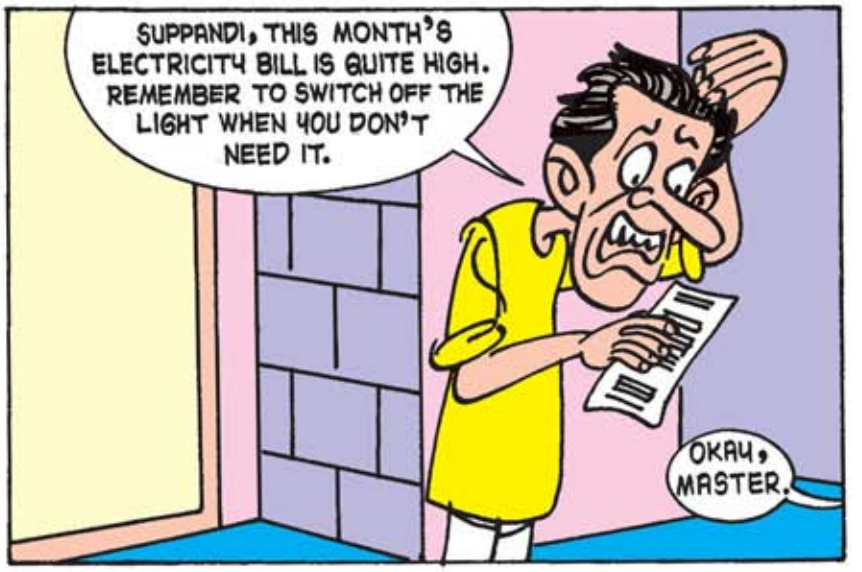

WELL?
WHAT SHALL I DO? THERE'S NO TELEPHONE POLE HERE. AH... I HAVE IT...

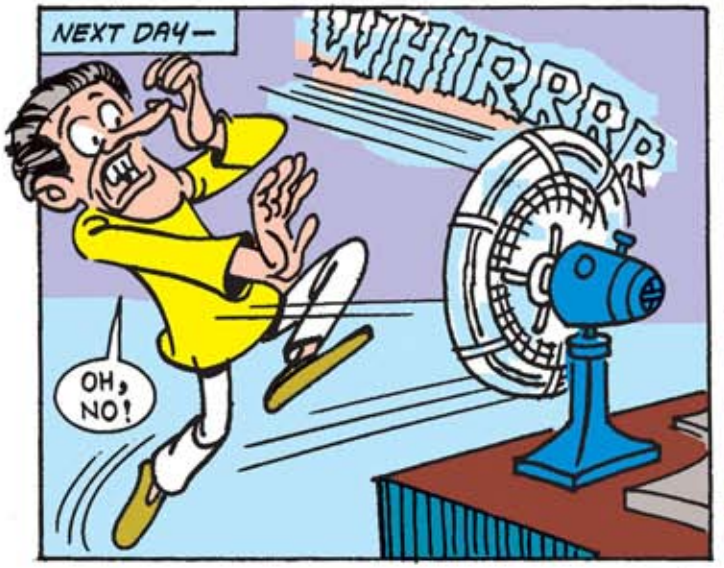

SEE IF YOU CAN HIT MY HAND, SIR.
ALL RIGHT.

ZIP!


HA! HA HA HA!
WHAT A FOOL!

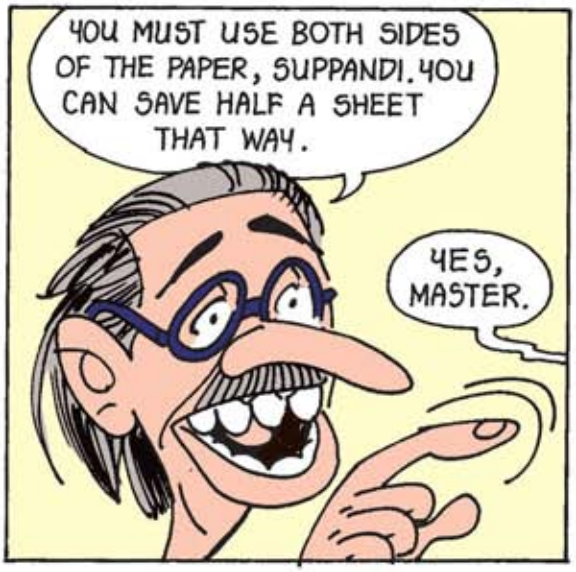
NEIGHBOUR'S FAN





GOOD USE

SUPPANDI'S NEW MASTER WAS A TEACHER.
HAVE YOU WRITTEN THE ALPHABET, SUPPANDI ?
I HAVE FINISHED WRITING ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER, MASTER. I NEED A NEW SHEET.


YOU MUST USE BOTH SIDES OF THE PAPER, SUPPANDI. YOU CAN SAVE HALF A SHEET THAT WAY.
YES, MASTER.

LATER —
SUPPANDI ! GO AND BUY ONE METRE OF CLOTH FOR YOUR SHIRT.
YES, MASTER.

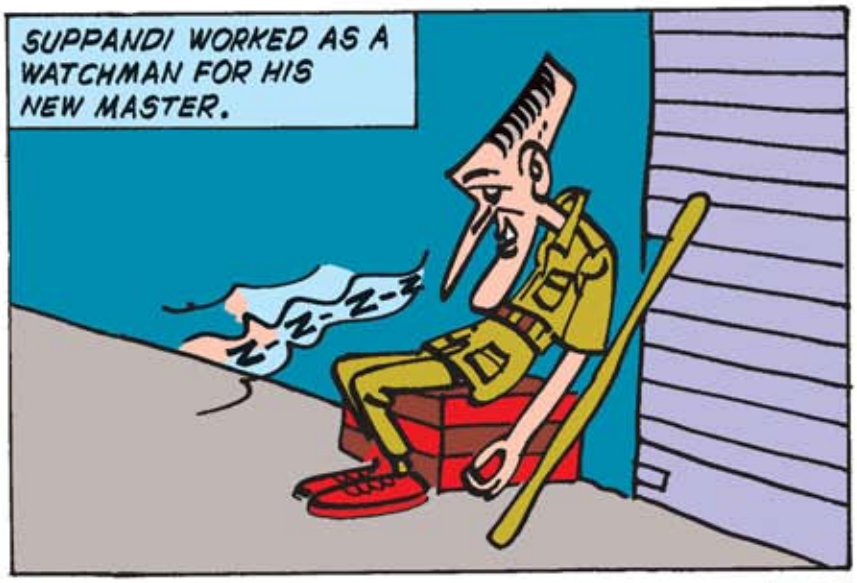
WHY HAVE YOU BOUGHT ONLY HALF A METRE OF CLOTH ?
YOU SAID WE COULD SAVE BY USING BOTH SIDES...

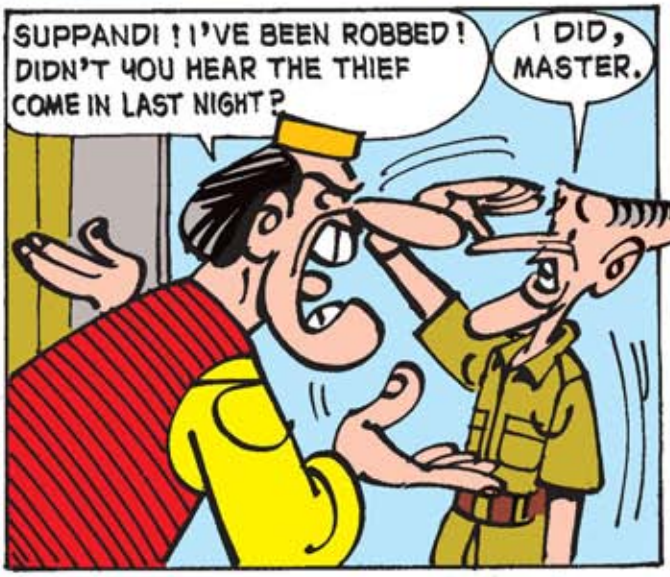
...SO I THOUGHT WE COULD USE BOTH SIDES OF THIS CLOTH FOR MY SHIRT AND SAVE HALF A METRE.
AARGH!

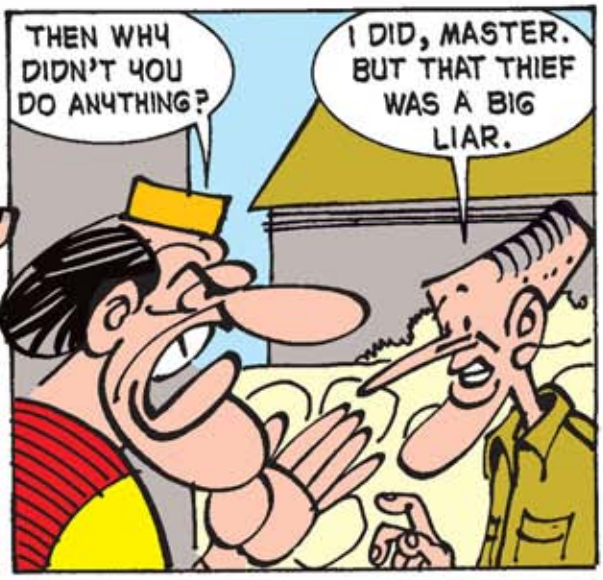
HALF A BUCKET

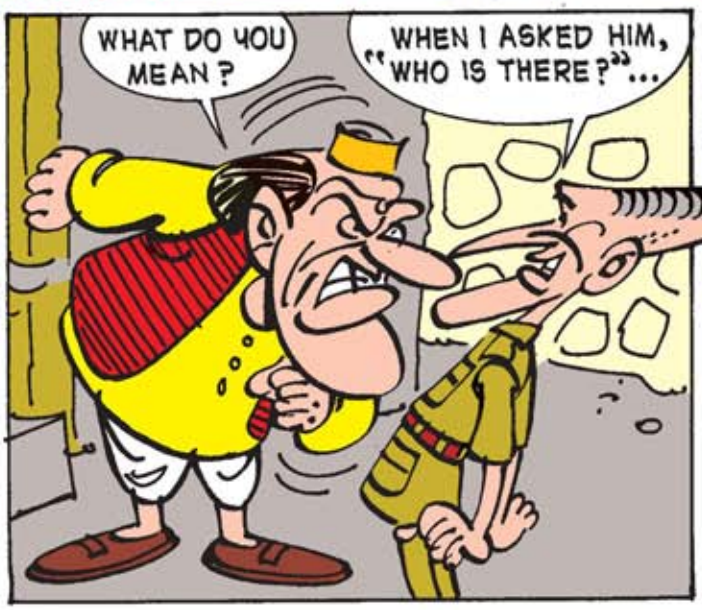
HOT AND FRESH

THE SLEEPY WATCHMAN



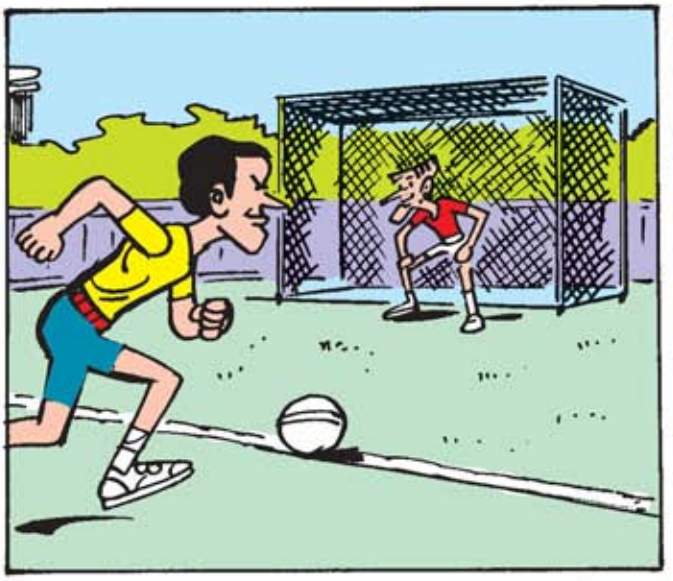






GOALKEEPER

SUPPANDI WAS PLAYING FOOTBALL.
YOU BE THE GOALKEEPER, SUPPANDI.
ALL RIGHT.

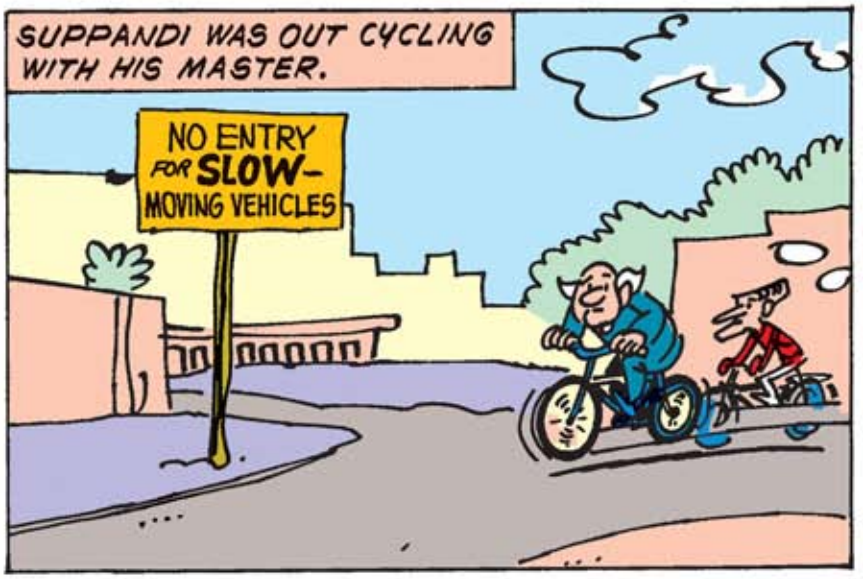


GOAL!
HURRAH!

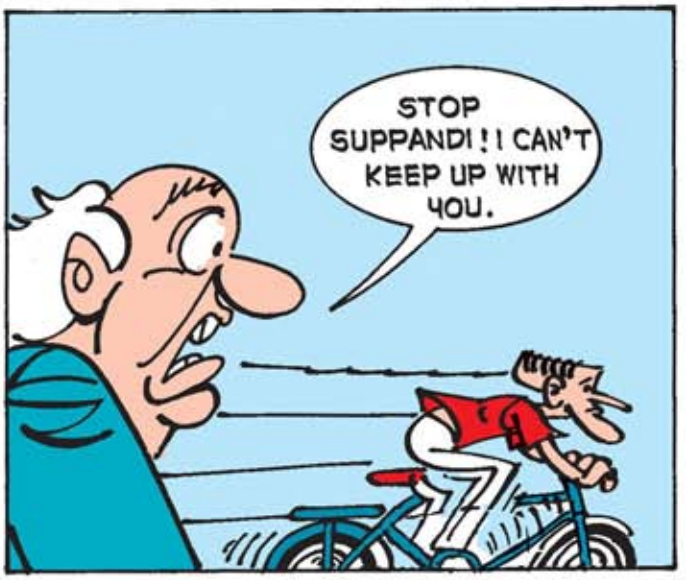
WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP THE BALL, SUPPANDI ?
WHY SHOULD I ?...

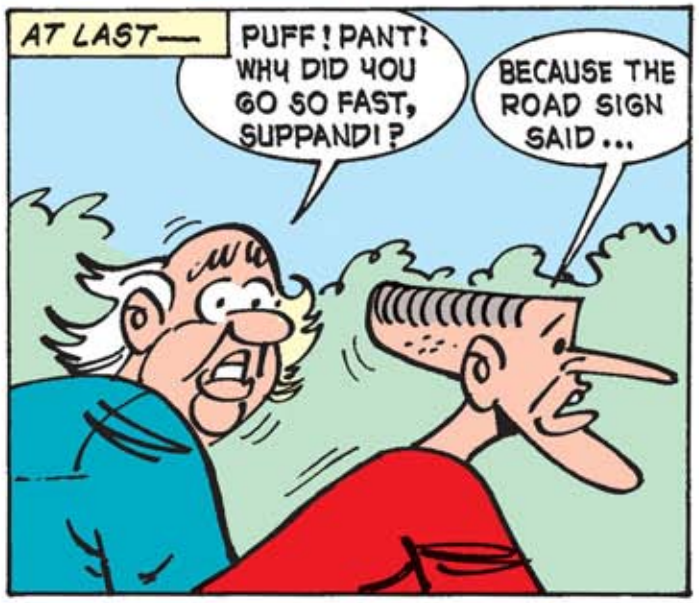
...THAT'S WHAT THE NET IS FOR.
OH NO!

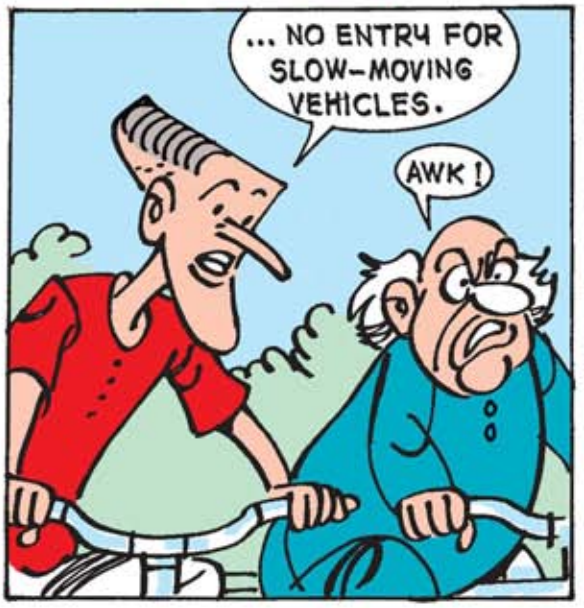
NO ENTRY


SUPPANDI WAS OUT CYCLING WITH HIS MASTER.
NO ENTRY FOR SLOW-MOVING VEHICLES

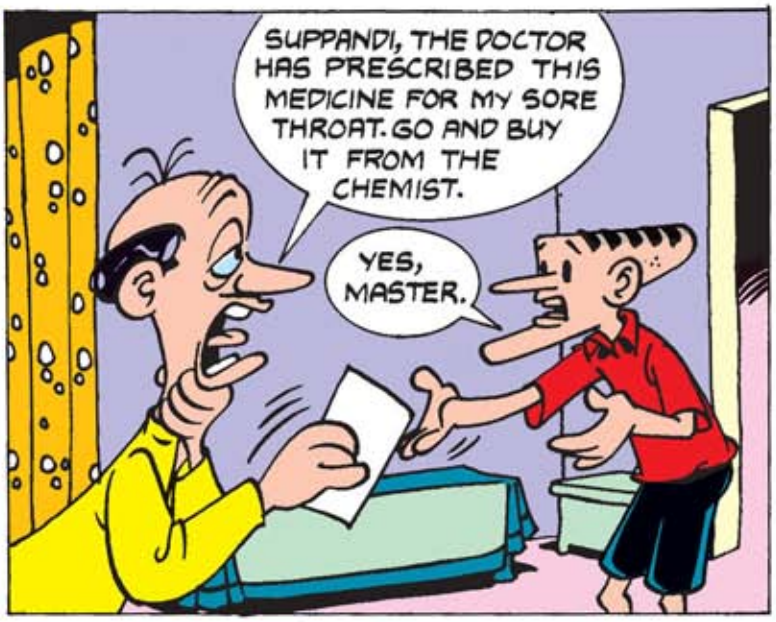
SUDDENLY—
HEY!
WHIZZ!

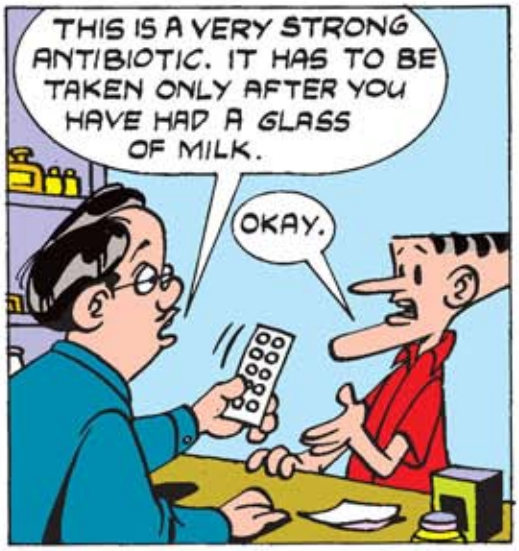

STOP SUPPANDI!! CAN'T KEEP UP WITH YOU.

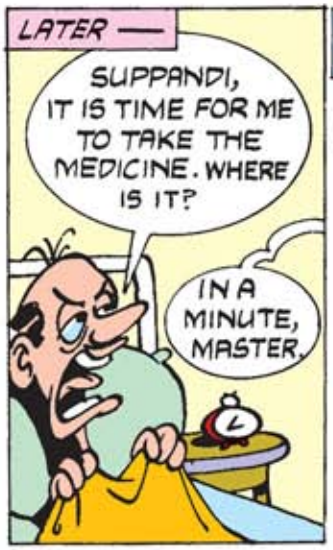

AT LAST—
PUFF! PANT! WHY DID YOU GO SO FAST, SUPPANDI?
BECAUSE THE ROAD SIGN SAID...

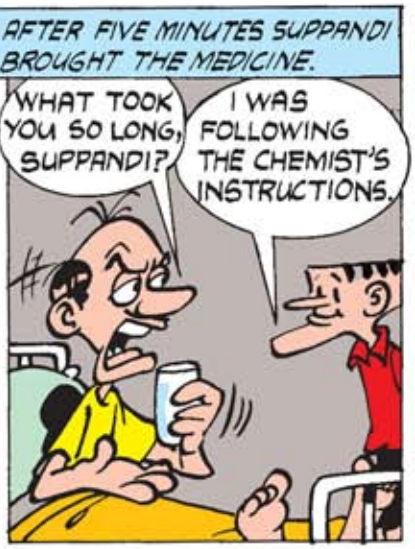

... NO ENTRY FOR SLOW-MOVING VEHICLES.
AWK!

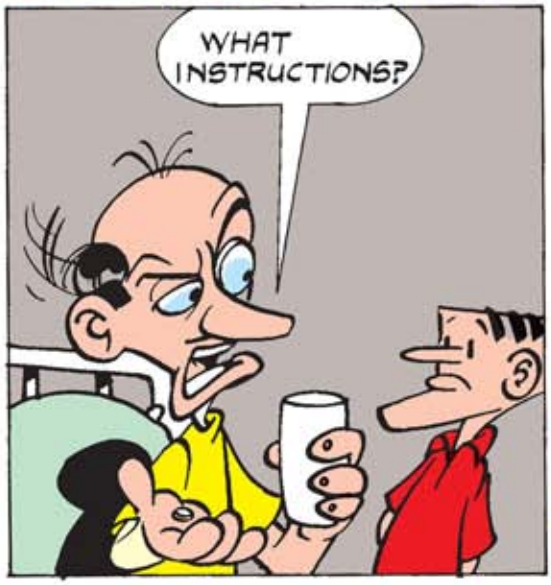
FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS



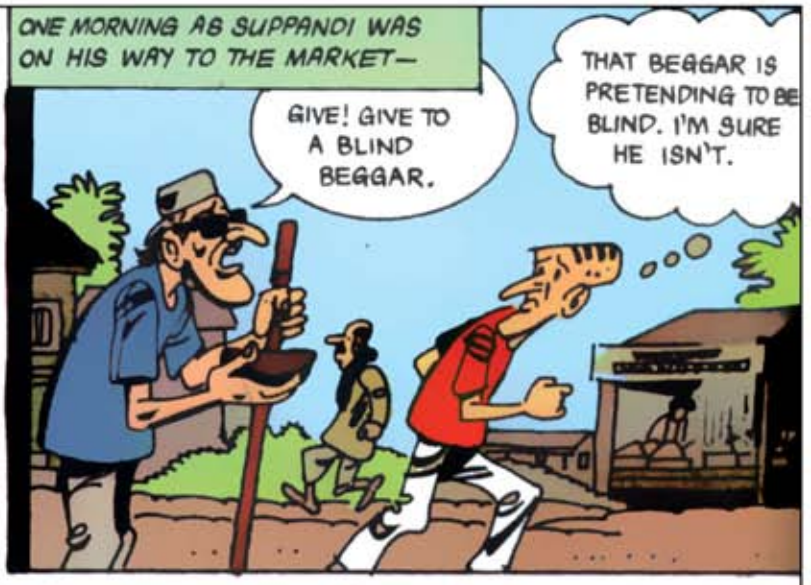


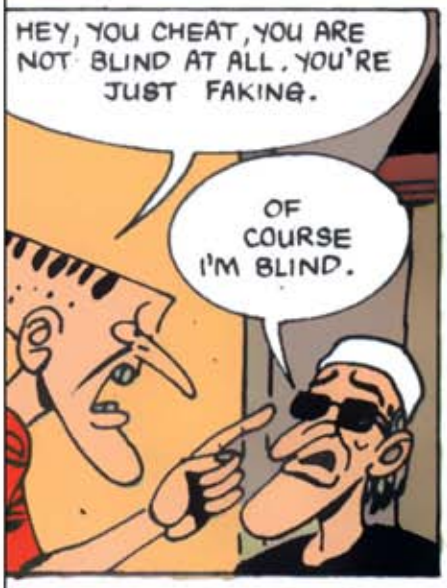


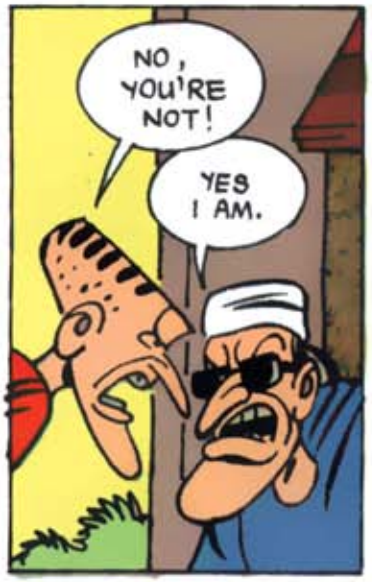


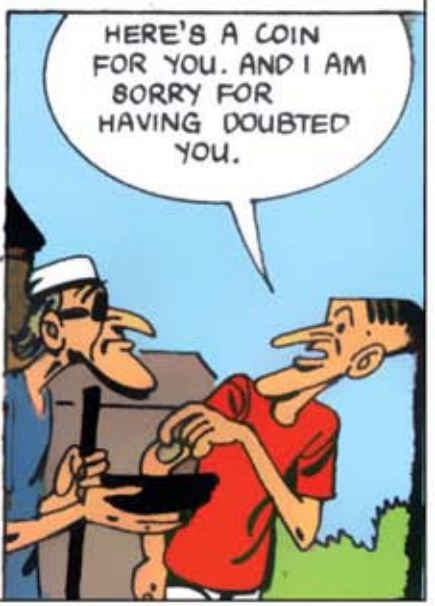


SUPPANDI THE SUSPICIOUS





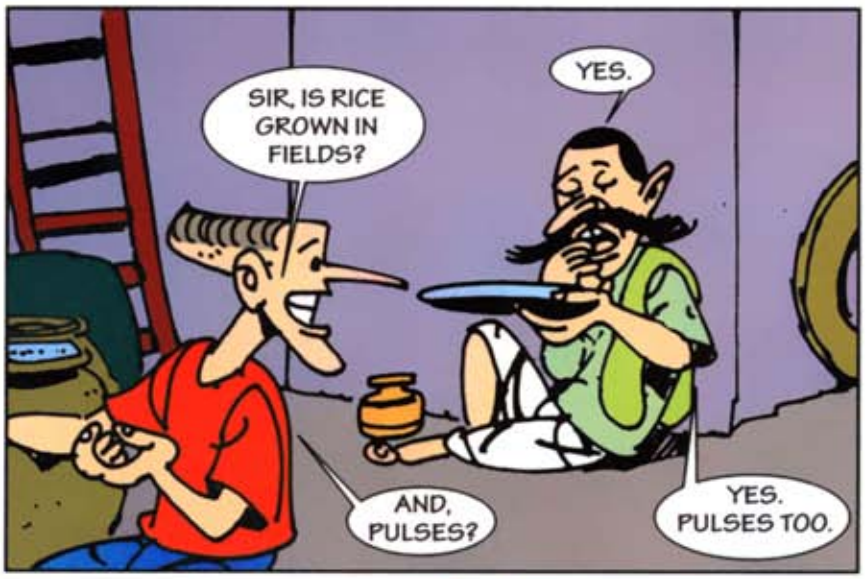




ACHIEVING SUCCESS
ONE MORNING —
SUPPANDI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
TRYING TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS, SIR!
BY GROVELLING ON THE GROUND? GET UP AT ONCE!
DON'T STOP ME, SIR! YESTERDAY I HEARD A WISE MAN SAY THAT YOU CAN ACHIEVE SUCCESS...
... BY FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR ELDERS.

"HIDDEN TREASURE"
HERE, SUPPANDI, I WANT YOU TO GO TO THE MARKET AND BUY SOME PROVISIONS. HERE'S FIFTY RUPEES AND TWO RUPEES FOR WAYSIDE EXPENSES.
YES, SIR.
KEEP THE FIFTY RUPEES IN YOUR CAP. BE SURE NOT TO LOSE IT.
I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT, SIR.
A LITTLE LATER —
THIS IS A LONELY ROAD. I HOPE THERE ARE NO ROBBERS AROUND.
STOP
HAND OVER ALL YOUR MONEY!
NO!
STOP! I WON'T HURT YOU. I ONLY WANT YOUR MONEY.
SO YOU THOUGHT YOU'D GET AWAY, EH? NOW HAND OVER YOUR MONEY!
WHAT, ONLY TWO RUPEES? YOU HAVE ONLY TWO RUPEES?
WELL, YOU CAN ROB ME OF THESE TWO RUPEES, BUT YOU STILL WON'T GET THE FIFTY RUPEES I HAVE IN MY CAP.
!!

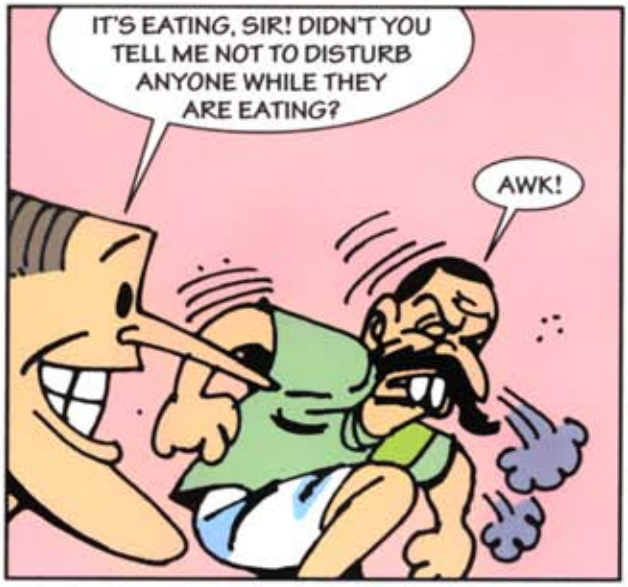
EAT IN PEACE


SIR, IS RICE GROWN IN FIELDS?
YES.
AND, PULSES?
YES. PULSES TOO.

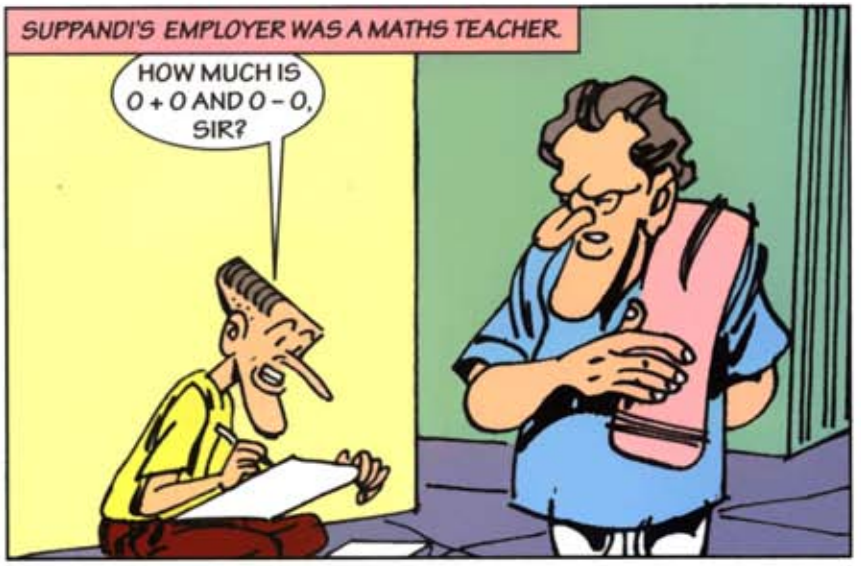
SIR, CAN YOU COME HERE AND TELL ME IF THE WHEAT IS DRY ENOUGH?
SUPPANDI, LET ME EAT IN PEACE! YOU MUST NEVER DISTURB ANYONE WHO'S EATING.

A FEW DAYS LATER –
SUPPANDI, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

THAT GOAT IS EATING OUR CUCUMBERS! WHY DON'T YOU DRIVE IT AWAY?


IT'S EATING, SIR! DIDN'T YOU TELL ME NOT TO DISTURB ANYONE WHILE THEY ARE EATING?
AWK!

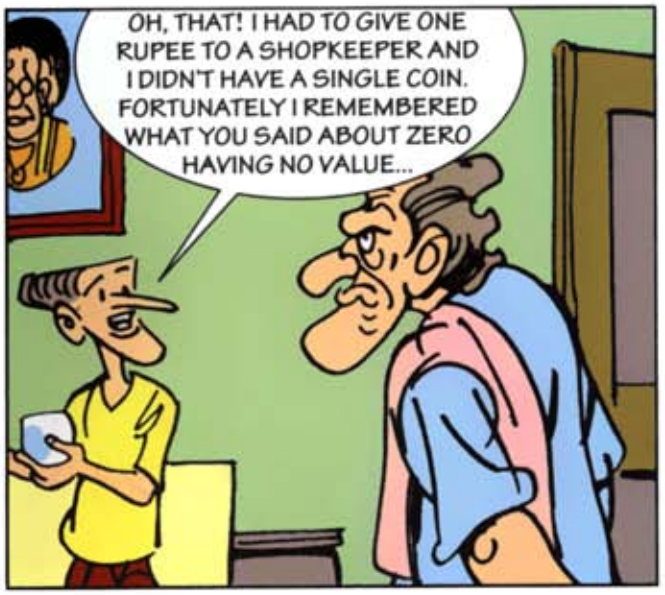
NO VALUE


SUPPANDI'S EMPLOYER WAS A MATHS TEACHER.
HOW MUCH IS 0 + 0 AND 0 – 0, SIR?

WHETHER YOU ADD OR SUBTRACT, THE ANSWER WOULD STILL BE ZERO...

... AS ZERO HAS NO VALUE.
OH, I SEE!

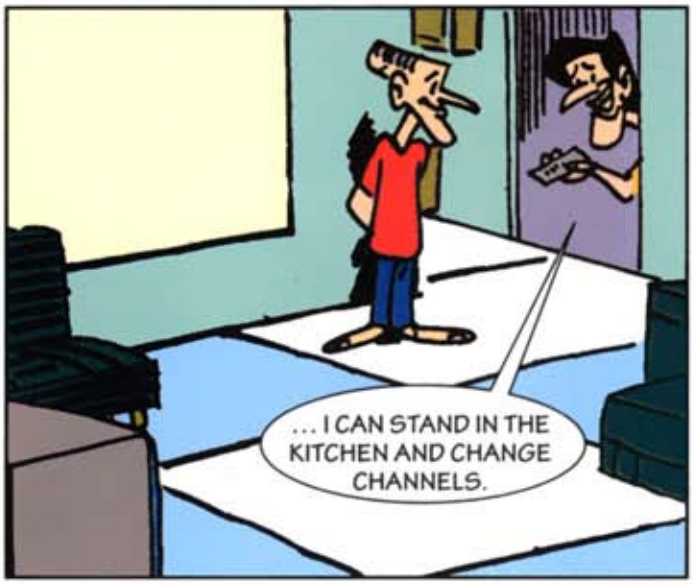
ONE DAY, AFTER SUPPANDI RETURNED FROM THE MARKET –
YOU'VE NOT ACCOUNTED FOR ALL THE MONEY I GAVE YOU, SUPPANDI. NINETY NINE RUPEES ARE MISSING.

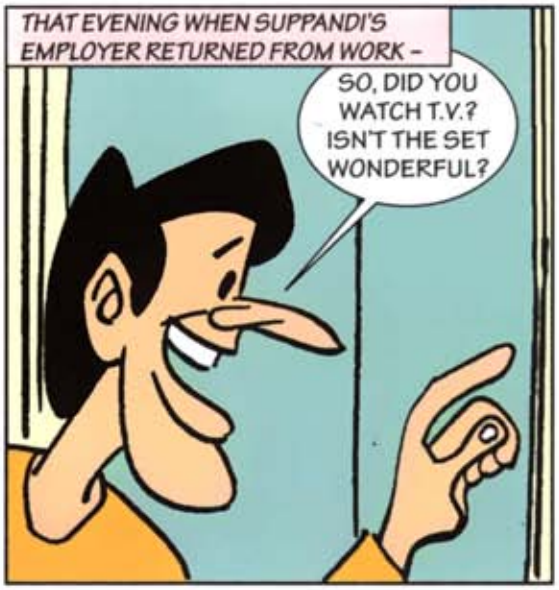

OH, THAT! I HAD TO GIVE ONE RUPEE TO A SHOPKEEPER AND I DIDN'T HAVE A SINGLE COIN. FORTUNATELY I REMEMBERED WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT ZERO HAVING NO VALUE...

I CANCELLED TWO ZEROES FROM A HUNDRED RUPEE NOTE AND GAVE IT TO HIM AS ONE RUPEE.

TOO REMOTE

LOOK AT THIS REMOTE CONTROL, SUPPANDI...


... I CAN STAND IN THE KITCHEN AND CHANGE CHANNELS.

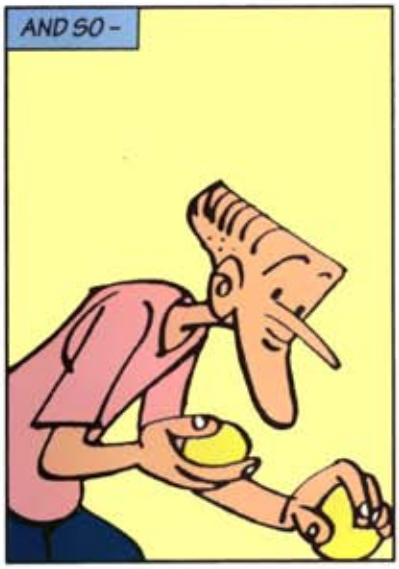

THAT EVENING WHEN SUPPANDI'S EMPLOYER RETURNED FROM WORK –
SO, DID YOU WATCH T.V.? ISN'T THE SET WONDERFUL?

THAT IT IS, SIR, BUT CHANGING CHANNELS IS A NUISANCE.
WHY?

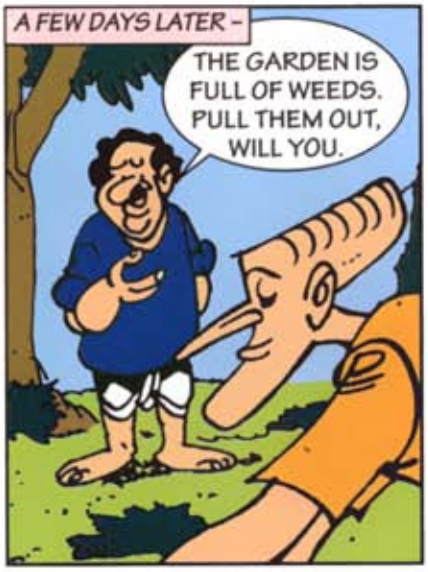
ONE HAS TO GO TO THE KITCHEN EACH TIME.
OOERGH!

SAVING TIME

ONE DAY, SUPPANDI'S EMPLOYER BOUGHT SOME APPLES AND A HUGE QUANTITY OF ORANGES.
THE APPLES AND THE ORANGES HAVE GOT MIXED UP. SUPPANDI, YOU'LL HAVE TO SEPARATE THEM.
NO PROBLEM, SIR!


AND SO –

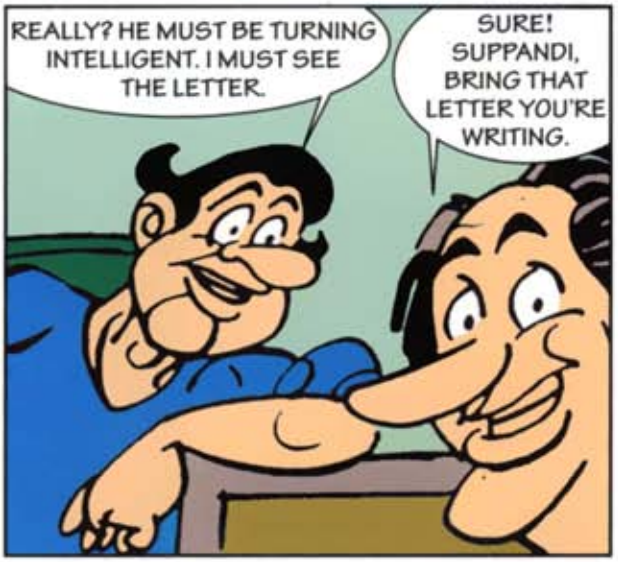
PICK OUT THE APPLES. SINCE THEY ARE FEWER YOU'LL SAVE TIME.
YES, SIR!

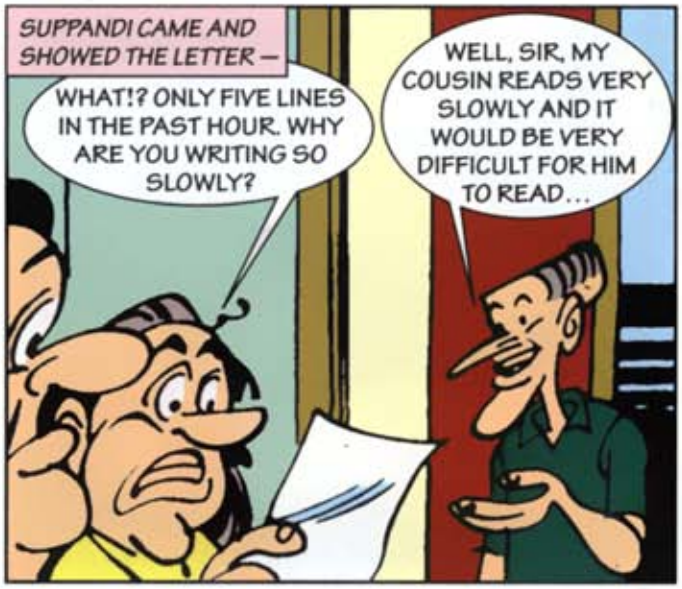

A FEW DAYS LATER –
THE GARDEN IS FULL OF WEEDS. PULL THEM OUT, WILL YOU.

HEY, WHY HAVE YOU REMOVED THE PLANTS, YOU IDIOT!
THE PLANTS ARE FEW, AND THE WEEDS MANY...

THIS WAY THE JOB WILL GET DONE FASTER!

CONSIDERATE WRITER





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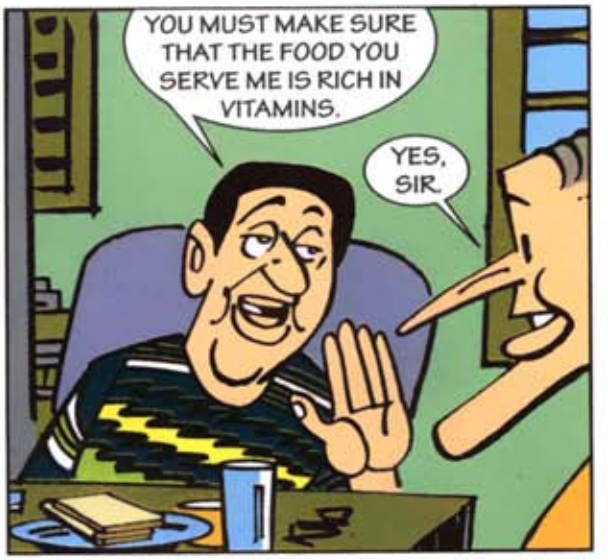
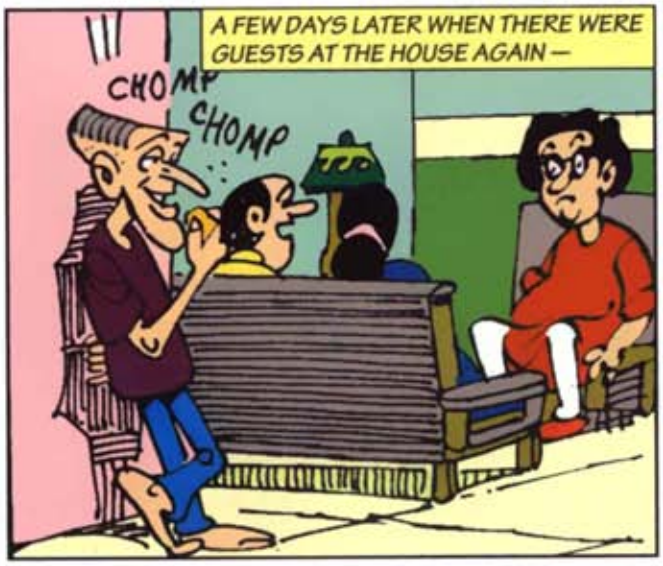
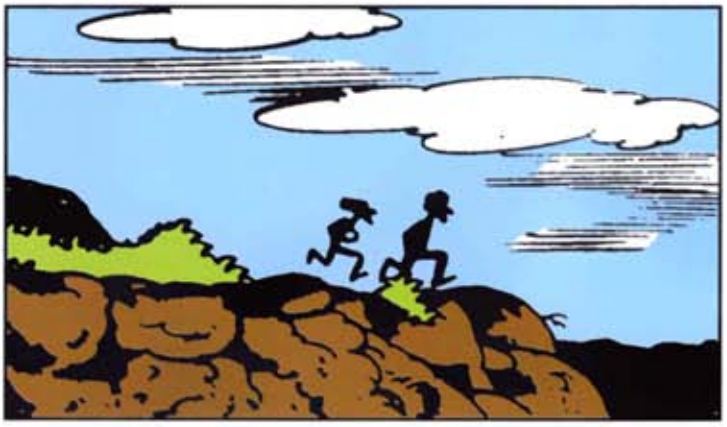


MEAL MANNERS



SUPPANDI FOLLOWS INSTRUCTIONS



YEOW!

SUPPANDI, HELP!

I MUST FIND SOMETHING TO PULL HIM UP WITH.
HELP!

AH! JUST WHAT I NEED. A BELT!

SUPPANDI!
COMING.

THROW ME A ROPE!!
?

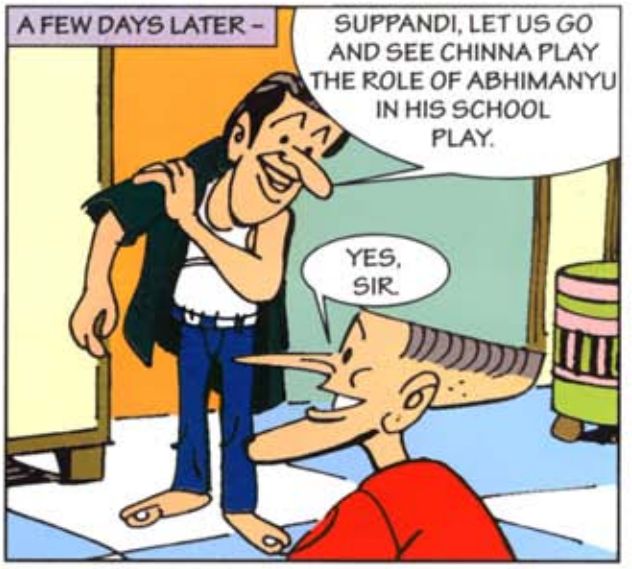
A ROPE?! HUH, ISN'T HE FUSSY!

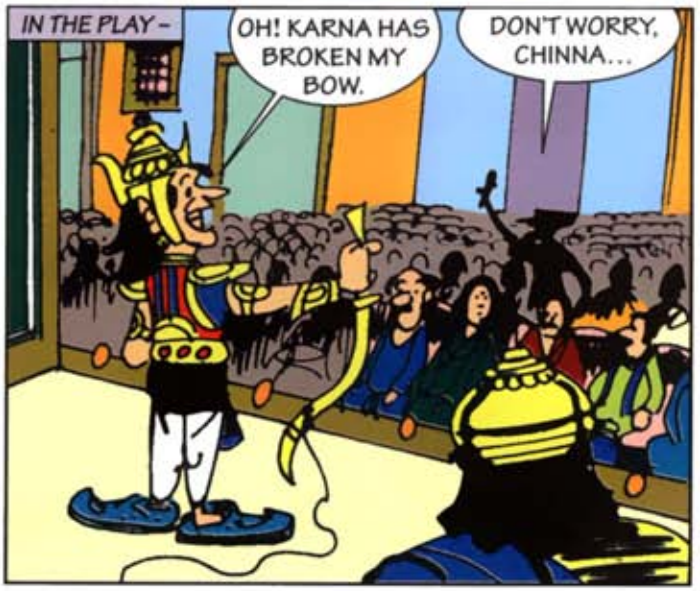
WELL, ORDERS ARE ORDER'S!
SUPPANDI!
AND SUPPANDI RAN OFF IN SEARCH OF A ROPE.

WRONG CUE

SUPPANDI WAS WASHING THE PLATES ONE DAY WHEN –
CRASH

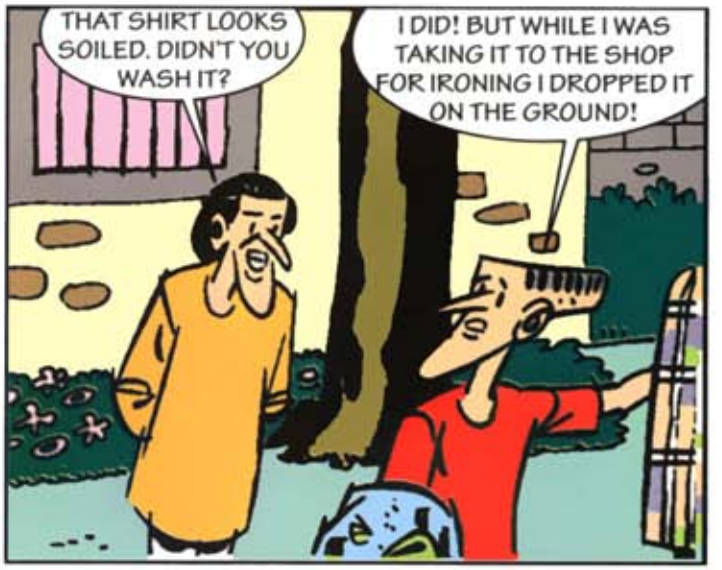
I BROKE A PLATE, SIR.
FIX IT WITH GLUE SUPPANDI.


A FEW DAYS LATER –
SUPPANDI, LET US GO AND SEE CHINNA PLAY THE ROLE OF ABHIMANYU IN HIS SCHOOL PLAY.
YES, SIR.


IN THE PLAY –
OH! KARNA HAS BROKEN MY BOW.
DON'T WORRY, CHINNA...

HA! HA! HA!
...YOU CAN FIX IT WITH GLUE.
SHEESH!
HA! HA

TOTAL WASHOUT



FLY IN SOUP

SUPPANDI'S EMPLOYER HAD INVITED HIS FRIEND, VIJU FOR DINNER.
DING
DONG
HERE HE IS, SUPPANDI! SEE THAT EVERYTHING GOES WELL.
YES, SIR.

WELCOME, VIJU.

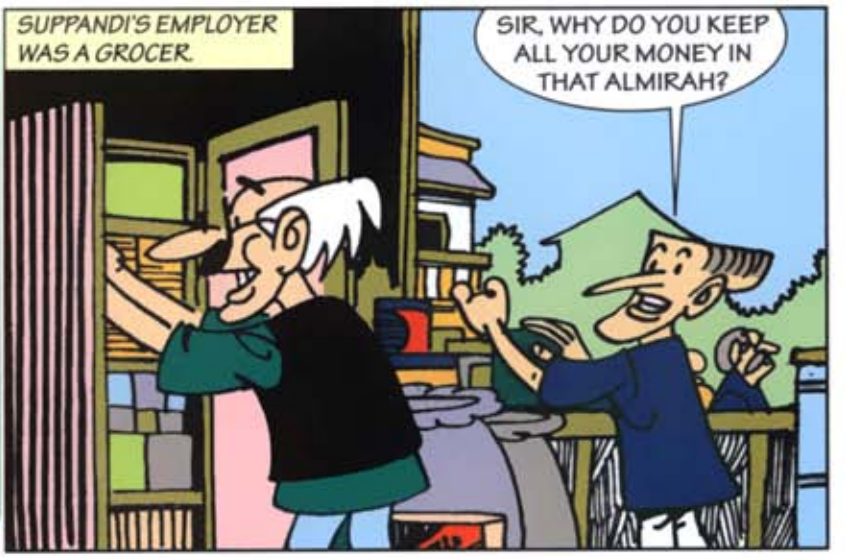
AFTER SOME TIME –
VIJU, ARE YOU READY FOR DINNER?
YES.

SUPPANDI, SERVE THE SOUP!
YES, SIR.

SUPPANDI, A FLY HAS FALLEN INTO THE SOUP!
DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU, SIR!

AFTER ALL, HOW MUCH SOUP CAN A FLY CONSUME?

THE CRACKER CASE



FARE ENOUGH

SUPPANDI, GO, DELIVER THIS PARCEL TO MY BROTHER AT HIS OFFICE!
VERY WELL, SIR.

AND HERE'S 20 RUPEES FOR THE AUTORICKSHAW.
OKAY, SIR!

AND SOON –

HERE WE ARE. THAT WILL BE 25 RUPEES.
BUT I'VE GOT ONLY 20 RUPEES.

YOU HAD BETTER TAKE OUT ANOTHER FIVE RUPEES OR ELSE...!
THERE'S NO NEED TO GET ANGRY.

JUST REVERSE TILL THE METER COMES DOWN TO 20 RUPEES!

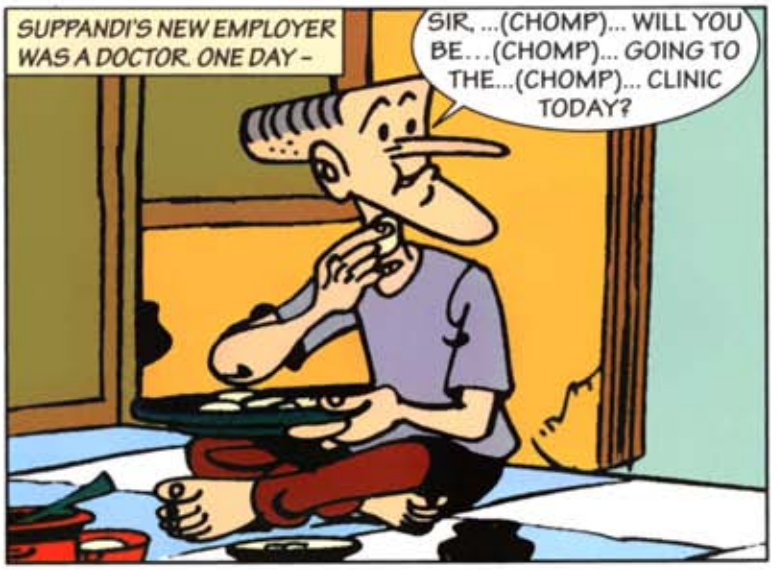
PICK POCKET

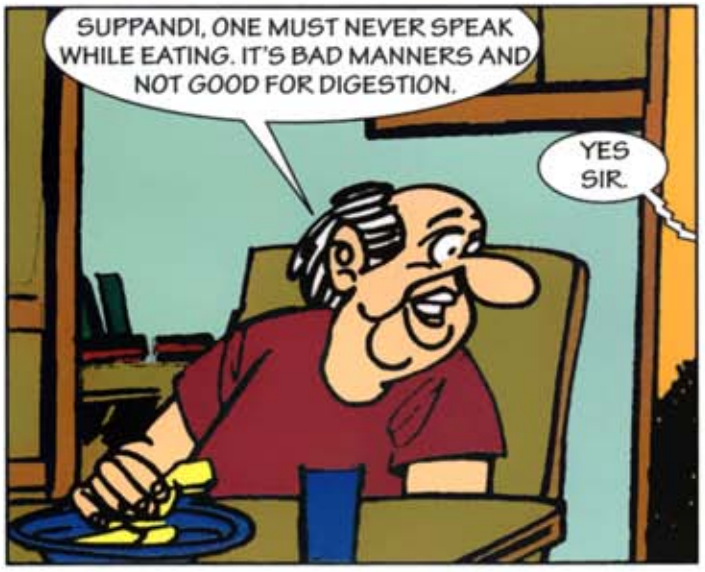
SILENCE ZONE

HELP! MY POCKET WAS PICKED IN TEJA STREET.
THEN WHY HAVE YOU COME HERE TO SHOUT?

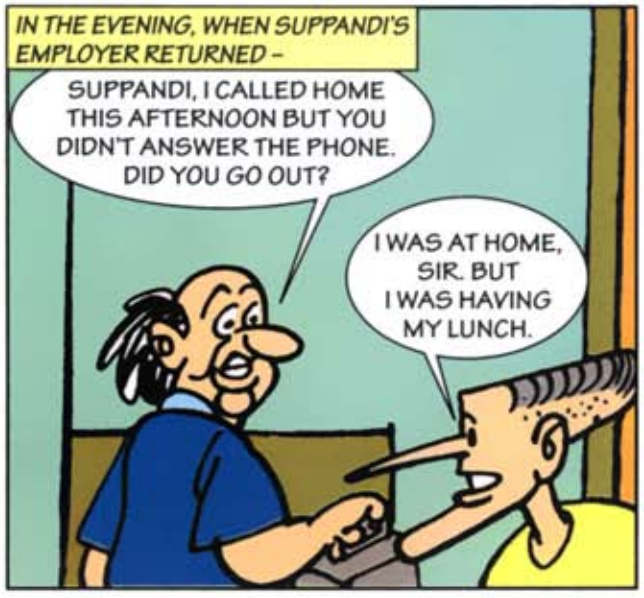
BECAUSE TEJA STREET IS A SILENCE ZONE.
HA! HA!

NO TALKING


SUPPANDI'S NEW EMPLOYER WAS A DOCTOR. ONE DAY –
SIR, ...(CHOMP)... WILL YOU BE...(CHOMP)... GOING TO THE...(CHOMP)... CLINIC TODAY?

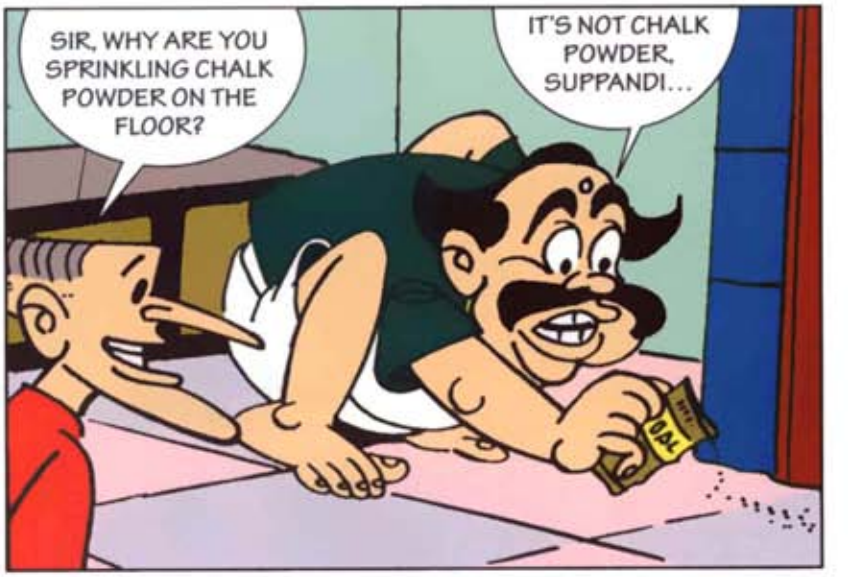

SUPPANDI, ONE MUST NEVER SPEAK WHILE EATING. IT'S BAD MANNERS AND NOT GOOD FOR DIGESTION.
YES SIR.

ONE AFTERNOON SUPPANDI'S EMPLOYER CALLED HOME...
...BUT SUPPANDI DIDN'T ANSWER THE PHONE.


IN THE EVENING, WHEN SUPPANDI'S EMPLOYER RETURNED –
SUPPANDI, I CALLED HOME THIS AFTERNOON BUT YOU DIDN'T ANSWER THE PHONE. DID YOU GO OUT?
I WAS AT HOME, SIR. BUT I WAS HAVING MY LUNCH.

... AND YOU SAID ONE MUST NEVER TALK WHILE EATING. SO I DID NOT PICK UP THE PHONE.
!?!

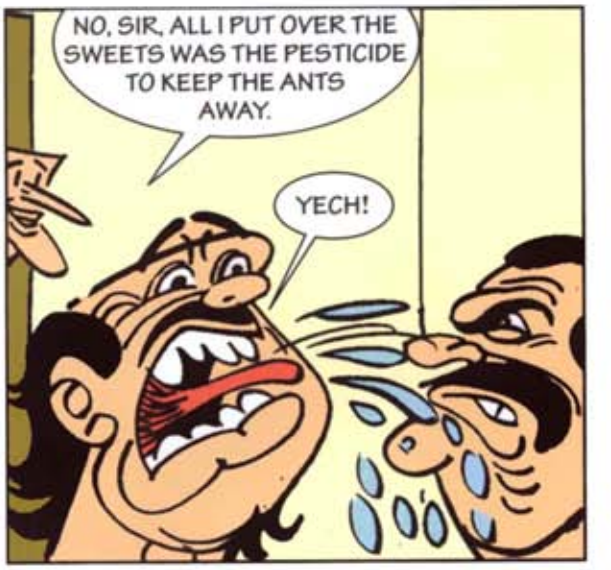
ANTI ANTS


SIR, WHY ARE YOU SPRINKLING CHALK POWDER ON THE FLOOR?
IT'S NOT CHALK POWDER, SUPPANDI...

I SEE.
... IT IS A PESTICIDE. IT KEEPS ANTS AWAY.

THE NEXT DAY –
SUPPANDI, I'M EXPECTING A GUEST. COVER THESE SWEETS AND SEE THAT THE ANTS DON'T GET TO THEM.
DON'T WORRY, SIR.

WHEN THE GUEST ARRIVED –
AHA! SWEETS WITH GRATED COCONUT! JUST WHAT I LOVE.
SUPPANDI MUST HAVE THOUGHT OF PUTTING THE COCONUT.


NO, SIR, ALL I PUT OVER THE SWEETS WAS THE PESTICIDE TO KEEP THE ANTS AWAY.
YECH!